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THE DYING DIAMOND MINER INTRUSTED THE PRECIOUS CASKET TO CAPTAIN RINGBOOM, TOGETHER WITH A WRITING WHICH MADE HOPE EVERTON THE HEIRESS TO HIS WEALTH.

CHAPTER I.

A KNIGHTLY YOUNG DEFENDER. H, but you are going to take my arm, any way, Miss Hope?"
Thus spoke Rush Sinnerton, a swellish looking young gentleman of

eighteen.
"I will not take your arm, Rush, and I don't wish you to go with me."

This was the reply made by Miss Hope

This was the repy mone of the Verton. It is a considerable to the verton of the Verton of the Verton ver without finding a more beautiful maiden of sixteen. She was prettily, though not elegantly dressed. Her form was simply perfect. Her features were regular, and an artist would have given half his fortune, if he had any, for the privilege of making her

his model. But her beauty did not lie so much in the union of fair form and features as in the lovely and innocent expression of her face when

lovery and innocent expression or ner tace when it was in repose.

She repelled the swellish looking young gentleman who forced his attentions upon her; and the snap of her eye would assure any looker on, if there had been one, that she was in down-rich tearner.

if there had been one, that she was in downright earnest: nowly face was crimono with inJust from Rush. Sinnerton had taken her
hand, and was trying to draw it through the
bend of his elbow.

It was about seen o'clock in the evening of a
bright spring day, and the street, though quite
near the principal throughtaine of the great

"Let go my hand, Rush Sinnerton, or I will
scream!" graped the affrightened maiden,

am!" grasped the affrightened maiden, was perhaps more alarmed than the occa-

scream' grasped the attriptioned malden, so required.

"Dor't make a row, Hope I don't mean any many planed Kush, trying to conciliate the "Dor't make a row, Hope I don't mean any many planed Kush, trying to conciliate the "but I want to walk with you."

"I have het go my hand, and leave me!"

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"I work hurt you."

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The indignation of the maiden blazed strongmaintain his hold upon her hand.

She struggled to release it from his grasp. Aiready a couple of men on the other side of the couple were his port or in exames. Limit at this moment a young fellow turned doubt on the question which the two men on doubt on the question which the two men on doubt on the question which the two men on so her chief side of the way were so far inable to asson as he realized the situation.

soon as he realized the situation.

"Oh, help me, Rowly I" cried Hope Ever ton, as soon as she discovered the newcomer.

"Don't make a disturbance in the street, Hope I" urged Rush Sinnerton, though he did not release his hold upon the hand of the maiden. Hope !" urg not release maiden.

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made all possions on the spot.

Rowly was a young man of action rather than one words, for he did not stop to argue the more words, for he did not stop to argue the possion of the spot o

evening for sure, now account and the struggle.

Hope did not wait to ascertain whether services was hard or not, but tripped foom the street as substant or not, but tripped foom the street as the sure of the s

asked Rowly.

"Of course I did; and as flatly as I could speak. Then he seized my hand, and held it till you came." "He let go quick enough when I hit him," added Rowly, with something of triumph in

his tone.

"He has worried and persecuted me for the last three mouths; and I have begged manma could get away from him. I don't have a moment's peace when he is in the house," said the pretty maiden, the tears beginning to flow from her bright eyes.

"What does he want of you?" inquired the "What does he want of you?" inquired the

"What Goes is built on misophisticated youth.

"He doesn't want anything of me except to be with me. He says he likes me; but I don't like him. I hate the sight of him; and if

mamma doesn't send me away, I believe I shall run off," added Hope, much agitated.
"Don't do that, Hope. I am sure your mother will do something about it after what has happened today," said Rowly, in soothing

ones.

The fair girl had some doubts in regard the ability of her mother to do anything hich would relieve her of the disagreeable at ntions of the young persecutor.

Mrs. Everton was a widow, and Hope was her only child, in whom all her earthly love and

her only child, in whom all her earthly love and hope were concentrated.
Six years before her husband had died, leav-ning his business somewhat involved; but when he bought the house in which they lived he had caused the deed to be given to her. With her own money she had furnished it.
The house and what it contained were all that

was left to her after the settlement of

was left to her after the settlement of her hus-band's estate.

It was a large dwelling, and she had sup-ported herself and her daughter by letting the chambers to respectable lodgers. But there was a mortgage on the house of eight thou-sand dollars.

sand dollars.

This mortgage was held by Colonel Sinnerton, who lived in Hudson. The colonel had
sent his son to New York City to fit for Columbia College, and had taken a room for him in

bia College, and had taken a room for him in Mrs. Everton's house. Rush Sinnerton boarded at a neighboring restaurant. He was inclined to be a "gentle-man," and already lived considerably faster than his father suspected. He might have been excused for being deeply

He might have been excused for being deeply moved by the beauty, grace, and bewitching be moved by the beauty except and the better and brutality in approaching her. He picked himself out of the gutter, stirred with wrath and the thirst for vengeance upon thope's sturdy defender. He rushed with all his speed to overtake him. He struck another blow at him, and then he went into the gutter blow at him, and then he went into the gutter

once more.

Before he could overtake them again, Rowly
and the terrified girl had entered the house of
Mrs. Parkway, the young man's mother. She
had nearly fainted there: but kindness and care
soon restored her.

After dark, leaving Hope with his mother, Rowly went to see Mrs. Everton, and told her what had happened.

CHAPTER II

A RESOLUTE MOTHER.

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Of Mrs. Parkway for three days. This lady only occupied a floor in an apartment house, with three rooms; but Rush Sinaerton was not there, and the poor

Rush Shinerton and Shire to the to analyze his feelings.

Rush remained in the street till

same rook with nin, though he du not attempt a contract of the contract of the

to recover the ground he had lost with Hope and her models, and Rush undestroot the moment. he glanced at her face that he had created a tenne per in the soul of the good woman. You must vacute the room you occupy in this house limited the production of the control of the production of the production of a rock.

"That is rather underso "assumered Rush." That is rather unsurers where most result of the production of the

"That is rather sudden," stammered Rush,
"I give you till temorrow aftermoon at five to leave the room," courinued the landlady, with a heavy frown on her brow. "If you are not gone by that time I shall remove your things. "This is rather short notice," muttered Rush. "May I ask the reason for this hasty step on your part;"

your part?"
"You know the reason for it as well as I do and there is no occasion for any more word

I hope I have not offended you, Mrs. Ever-

In nope I nave not onemore you, AIS, Ever-ton."

"If you have common sense, or any of the sentiments of a gentleman, you know very well that you have not only offended, but insulted me, in the person of my daughter." replied the lady, her face, which was still fair, taking on a

lady, her face, which was still fair, taking on a slightly crimson hue.

"If I have offended or insulted you, or your daughter, it was unintentional, and I am ready to apologize," added Rush, though one skilled in the ways of the world could have seen that his proposition was nothing but mockery, prompted by hypocray and deceit.

"If your apology were accepted, I would not allow you to remain 'in my house on any con-sideration," added Mrs. Everton. "If this is your decision, madam, of course I have nothing more to say," continued Rush have nothing more to say."

have nothing more to say," continued Rush, with an attempt to put on a dignity which was not in his nature.

"My decision is made, and it will not be re-

voke

"It will be necessary for me to notify my father at, once of this step on your part. Mr. and the at a cone of this step on your part. Mr. and the at a cone of this step on your part. Mr. and the at a cone of the step on your part. Mr. and the attended the attended

nerton," sae repuss, while the saightest uneasiness.
"I will telegraph to him at once, and I have no doubt he will be in New York tomorrow

morning." wm De m New York tomorrow
The lady made no reply, and did not appear
to dread the coming of her creditor. If she
had any fear she did not manifest it in the
slightest degree.

had any feer she did not manifest it in the had any feer she did not manifest it in the 1.1 map saw like ave tought as at any other time," added the young man, with a sort of the average which was a part of his danatestimate, "Of course you will allow me to see Miss Hope before Iz of "suggrested Kull", "We are been friends for the year that I was been in this hones, and I shought like to say good by to her." So will be to say good by to her." So will not come into my house again while you centain here," added the lady, with no relaxation of her firms day, with no relaxation of her firms day, with an extendit on the firms and the words. The same should be the same and the same should be the same should be the same should be same and the same should be same and the same should be same and the same should be same should be

"That is a matter wines when you, sir."

Mrs. Even, having said all she had to say, which we will be worth and the said with womany dignity on her heel and the control of the said will be wi

admired. I say "admired," for admiration was the full extent of this feeling towards her. In the full extent of this feeling towards her. In Event If Rush had been worthy of her daughter, Mrs. Eventon would have frowend upon the Event If Rush had been worthy of her daughter, Mrs. Eventon would have frowend upon the sax sixten, and such expressions of favor were considered to the say of the same and the sa

though he had never been there before.

His knock at the door was answered by Mrs.
Parkway. As she opened the door, a slight scream sainted his ear. It was called forthfrom the most offer the state of the state of

the object of his admiration.

Mrs. Parkway earned a support for her family by dressmaking, and her indoor occupation had not strong. Kush easily pushed her asile, and was about to come into the apartment, when Rowly hastened to the assistance of his mother.

"There is the stairway—go down!" exclaimed he, as he placed himself in front of calmed the same and the stairway of the st

m. 'he visitor was boiling over with wrath wh he found himself again confronting the stout youth who twice before that evening had tipped him into the gutter. His rage got the hetter of his discretion, and he made a leap at the throat Rowly. Mrs. Parkway shouted for help, and Hope

reamed.

The knightly defender of innocence did not tre to close with Rush, who was considerably ller than he was, and he avoided the clinch of

furious opponent.

his furious opponent.
He did hetter; he used his hard fist again.
He planted a blow between the two eyes of Rush Simerton, and the visitor went over hackwards, falling at the head of the stairs, As soon as this result was achieved, Mrs. Paakway, who had not "lost her head" in the excitement of the moment, drew her soon back

excitement of the moment, drew her son back into the room and closed the door. The occupants of the floors above and below, who had been called from their rooms by the screams, hastened to the scene. Their appea-ance brought Rush back to his senses, and he realized that he was getting himself into diffi-

ilty. He picked himself up, and hastened down the

stairs with all the speed he could command. When he was confronted by a stout man at the foot of the first slight, he declared that he was found to the first slight, he declared that he was the first slight, and the slight sli

Before nine o'clock the next morning Colonel Sinnerton rang the bell at the house of Mrs. Everton. He was a choleric man, and demanded bruskly, when the landlady had ushered him into the front parlor, why his son had been turned out of his room.

been turned out of his room.

Mrs. Everton entered upon a full explanation, which did not in the least degree appease the

nich did not in the least degree appease the tte father of a spoiled son.
"Boys will be boys, and I can't see that Rush s done any harm," said he.
At that moment the culprit himself came into the room

CHAPTER III.

A ROUGH LOOKING STRANGER,

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SUSH SINNERTON told his story in his class in the state of the stat

even of speech.

But his whole manner to the young girl was a onstant offense, while he rarely went beyond the bounds of propriety. His very look was almost an assault upon her, and she shrank with instinctive dread from his gaze, so often fast-ened upon her

The devoted mother could not explain what

end upon her end upon her end upon her shot deaty was the manner of the young man that was offensive to her, and still more to theye; and if she had been able to do so, the Hope; and if she had been able to do so, the Hope; and if she had been able to do so, the character, to understand her. It is a superior of character, to understand her. It is a superior of "I can only sy that Rub can no longer oc-cupy a room in my house," said Mrs. Everton, "I can only sy that Rub can no longer oc-cupy a room in my house," said Mrs. Everton, he led strong in her position, her exhalted that she had not made it very clear to her creditor. "Very ved, madatin, very well!" exclaimed the room with long strides. "You have chosen to youngel to dispare my you, for clearner or youngel to dispare my you, for of course in things the companies. "You have chosen in the property of the companies of the "Such things cannot be supportated," of "Such things cannot be conceased, and this, "Such things cannot be conceaded, and this "Course you don't expect any more drawn from me, madam."

me, madam."

"I de not, but when the happiness and even
the safet of my only find is moveded. I have
no alternative, though! I would do almost any
thing to avoid displeasing you, Colone! Simerton," answered Mrs. Everton, a few tears rising
in her pretty eyes.

"All stuff, madam! The

ton, answered and Network at the West's nearly "All Stiff, madam! The happiness and safety of your daughter indeed! That is all safety how the property of the safety of t

The creditor tried to believe that he was a much injured man.

"The welfare of my daughter compels me to act as I do."

"That's all nonsense, as I have before ob-

"That's all nonsense, as 1 have before observed. I beg shot preimidy out that the interserved. I beg shot to reimidy out that the interserved is the shot of the shot of the shot of the shot pair. I write you, on the first of April, that my be shot pair, and the shot of the shot of

"I will not," replied the poor woman firmly, though her lips quivered, and she could not conceal her emotion. We want to know!" gasped the colonel, darting away from her as though he had been stung by her answer. "Before the sun goes down again, I shall take possession of this house, and attach the furniture for the unnaid interest

I cannot help it if you do," added the poor mother.

mother.

"Do you consider what you are doing, madam? I doubt if the house will bring enough, when sold for cash in these times, to more than pay the note. My son has been guity of no offense worth naming, and you subject him to an unmerited disgrace. Rush is a gentleman, and—"

gentleman, and—"
The remark was interrupted by the entran
of Rowly Parkway, who had the freedom of t

Rush sprang from his chair the moment he saw his late assailant, and stood in front of him, as full of rage as his father had been a moment

as into o rage as a subsection.

"What do you want, you meddlesome pup?" demanded he.

pup?" demanded he.
"I don't want anything of you, and I hope
you don't want anything more of me." replied
Rowly in a goof natured tone, and with a
cheerful smile on his manly face.
"It's anything the matter, Rowly?" asked
Mrs. Everton, anxious still in regard to her

daughter.
"Nothing at all, Aunt Myra," replied the last comer, calling her by this familiar appellation, though they were not in any way related.
"I only came over to say that Hope is all right this morning, and wishes to see you some time

today."

Rowly turned to leave the room, but found that Rush stood between him and the door.

"Do you think I am going to let you off without paying you for the raps you gave me ast night?" demanded Rush, fanning his rage

ast night? Gemanded Rush, tanning his rage to a flame.

Again the fury of the young gentleman got the better of his discretion, and he forgot the lessons of the evening before. With an im-petuous spring he attempted to hit the defender of innocence a blow with his clenched fist.

Rowly was not a pugilist, and had never even baken a single lesson in the art of self defense but nature had armed him with a resolute spirit, a quick eye, and abundant strength. He warded off the blow, at the same time planting a fellow to the ones he had given the evening before on the head of his assailant, and

evening before on the head of his assailant, and Rush staggered towards his father, my son, you young rascal?" yelled the colonet, rushing curiously towards the defender. "He began it, and I always defend myself," replied Rowly, retrailing towards the door. "That is the third time! I have knocked that to bester out, and I am easy to do it again to lot set out, and I am easy to do it again."

"I will shake your head off for that" Floamed Colonel Sinnerfor, and I shall defend myself,"
"I can bit hard, and I shall defend myself,"
"That fellow knocked me over twice last night, father, and I am bound to get even
Mrs. Everton placed hereif between Rowly
and her wrathy visitor. Then the defender raticed what had occurred at his mother's home
and the state of the state of

duct of his son; but he soon recovered his asduct of his son; but he soon recovered his as-surance. Of course he censured Mrs. Parkway for not admitting him, and considered that Rush was blameless.

"I have said all I have to say, madam. Have you changed your mind?" asked the

"There not; and what we have just heard ought to convince you that I am quite right in regard to your son," replied Mrs. Everton.
"It does not convince me. No more words are needed, and I shall do what I said I would

do."
At that moment the door bell rang violently as though there was some one at the handle who "meant business." Kowly, who was near gentleman, with a rough exterior, entered without any special invitation.
"Does Mrs. Myra Everton, widow of Wijiman Everton, deceased, live here?" asked the

stranger.

Rowly pointed to the door of the front par-lor, and the man entered it.

CHAPTER IV.

THE CASKET OF DIAMONDS

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The stranger was dressed in a suit of blue, and the garments were large and loose on his strongly kinf rame. His heavy beard was tinged with gray, and he was evidently a man of five and lorty years. His expression was good natured, and a smile played on his sun borned face. In taking him for a sallor, one would not have been far out of the way. "I has us Mrs. Everton," sadd Rowly, pointing "I have been far out of the way."

the landlady. Colonel Sinnerton and his son had retired to

Colonel Sumerton and his son had retired to one of the front windows, and were talking to each other in a low tone. But the father oc-casionally glanved at the stranger, and exemed to be inclined to know his business before he

Rowly had gone at ten o'clock the evening before to watch with one of the clerks in the He was allowed to be off in the foremont to ob-tain his sleep, but on that morning he was too much interested in the affairs of Aunt Myra and Hope to sleep.

"My name a Israel Kingboom, at your ser-"My name to the work of the commonly call ser-

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about him as if in search of something or somethor, somethor, somethor, somethor, though I do not remember that I ever saw you though I do not remember that I ever saw you chough I do not remember that I ever saw you contain about two hundred housand dollars? I experiment the sound of the some of your folks, as sure a Stead Ringboom is an honest man; some of your folks, as sure as Isaad Ringboom is an honest man; the same of your folks, as sure as Isaad Ringboom is an honest man; the same of your folks, as sure as Isaad Ringboom is an honest man; the same of your folks, as sure as Isaad Ringboom is an honest man; and the same of your folks, as were as Isaad to the same of your folks, as were as Isaad to the same of t

toli, amazeo beyonta messata in the hard.

"Well, ma'am, I don't want to have any mistake about it, and I must say bluutly that I don't think it belongs to you," replied the captain, a little embarrassed, as though he felt that he had been going too fast with his reveletions.

lations.
"I did not suppose it did belong to me," replied the landlady, with a smile.
"I reckon this boy is not your son," continued the slipmaster, nodding in the direction
of Kowly, who had been an astounded listener
to all that had been said.

to all that had been said.

"No, sir, he calls me aunt, but he is no blood relation of mine, though I love him as though he were my own nephew."

"But I was told that you had one or more children." added Captain Ringboom, opening his mouth rather wide in his interest in the

case.

"I have one daughter, who is my only child," replied the landlady.

"That settles it!" exclaimed the visitor, springing out of his chair in his excitement. "Her name is Hope, and she was sixteen years old on the first day of January last."

springing out of his chair in his excetement. Her name is hope, and he was sixteen years. "Quite trac. The name was given to her by the Under Howelt, who, I suppose, is feed, for ten years," add Mrs. Everton im for the last "Ves, makin, he is dead, but it is not three months since he passed away," added the capsured of the control of the last of the last

had left the house,
"But where is the little girl? She was only
six years old when Howell saw her for the last
time," asked Captain Ringboom, changing the
topic after the departure of the lodger and his

topic after the departure to the semi-father.

"She is at the house of a friend of mine in the next street," replied Mrs. Everton, who had suddenly given way to a flood of tears. "How-ell Everton was my own brother; and though he had failen into a bad way, he was always very kind to me, and he could hardly have loved I tope any more if he had been her own father."

and I know about that, for Howell told me all about It, Ho too to drinking and minest himself, "added the captain." I'le was intoxicated the last time he came to our louos, and my husband ordered him to our louos, and my husband ordered him to fore he went out of the house my brother, intoxicated as he was, promised that he would never drink another drop of ligious as long as never drink another drop of ligious as long as the contract of the

in memory of him."

"And she wears it now on her little finger, added the mother.

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"I must see her before I say anything more, id Captain Ringboom." Rowly will go for her, as Rush is gone."
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"Rowly will go for her, as Rush is gone," Rowly was quite willing to do so. When her put his hand on the knob of the door, a slight noise was heard in the hall; but all were too much interested in the exciting event of the moment to take particular notice of it. The state of the moment of the moment of the particular of the moment of the particular of the moment o

He took a big pocketbook from the inside of his vest, and drew from it a soiled paper in-closing the photograph of a child. "That's Hope as true as you live!" exclaimed the visitor, as he compared the picture with the living original

the visitor, as he compared the picture with the living original. "I have no doubt of that," added the mo

living original.

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to her hope is the captain, as the took the box from the table.

Africa. He made his fortune there, but he lost
his health. My ship pot knocked over in a
typhoon in the Indiam Ocean, and I went to
have health and the health of the health had been added
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when she realized that she was redeemed from the persecutions of Rush. Inch in the basement, and Rowly was invited to partake of it before and Rowly was invited to partake of it before and Rowly was invited to partake of it before Captain Ringboom divided his time in gazing from the still handsome mother to the lovely daughter. The lunch was more than a cheer-form the still handsome mother to the lovely daughter. The lunch was more than a cheer-se such a still be a still be a still be a still be Suddonly the sout captain spring to his feet, and tipped his chair over behinding to his feet, and tipped his chair over behinding to his feet, and tipped his chair over behinding to his feet, which is the world is the matter, Captain Ringboom P asked the landlady, rising in her guest.

guest.
"We have left that box on the table stairs!" almost shouted he, as he rushed wild stars : amost should be a rushed whosy from the room. "Don't be alarmed, captain; it is safe enough," said Mrs. Everton, as she followed

enough," said Mrs. Everton, as she followed him up the stairfast box under my pillow every might stince it came into my possession; and I ought to be hung for letting it out of my sight a single minute!" gasped the trustee. If am sure there has been one in the found parior since we left it," added the land-

dy.

Captain Ringboom said no more, but bolted to the parlor as though he had been shot into the parlo from a gun.

When Mrs. Everton, followed by Hope and
Rowly, entered the apartment, they found the
captain tearing his hair in wild rage and dis-

may.

They glanced at the table where the box had been deposited. They looked on the floor near it; they searched in every part of the room.

The treasure was not to be seen; it had disappeared.

(To be continued.)

Ask your newsdealer for THE GOLDEN AR-GOSY. He can get you any number you may

BUFFALO HUNTING.

(See illustration, page 276.)

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ARGOSY represents a scene that has often occurred in the past, but will rarety be witnessed
in the future. The North American buffalo is
nearly extinct. The vast herds that once
roamed in millions on the wide Western
prairies have dwindled to a few scattered bands
which have found shelter in the Yellowstone Park and other secluded spots; and it is to be hoped that these last amnants of a dying race will be preserved from the hunter's rife. The readers of the Argosy are no doubt fa-

The readers of the AROGNY are no doubt fa-miliar with the methods of attacking the buffalo that were in vogue during the days of the old that were in vogue during the days of the old trained bronon, there was but little trist for the huntsman, unless some accident dislogled him from his steel. In such cases, many lives have mad buil; for the buffalo, though ordinarily pacific, becomes at times, and especially when wounded, a formidable antagonist, and one whose enformes bulk makes his charge almost

resistible.

Hence buffalo hunting on foot is a perilous form of sport; and the position of the huntsman in the picture, who has lo trust to one well directed shot to lay low the great beast that towers before him, is highly dangerous, if not desperate.

A CHAT ON ILLESTRATION

THE ARGUST receives frequent ioquirles from its readers concerning the art of illustrating. We reprint herewith some information on the subject from a Mail and Extress reporter's interview with

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MUCH IN LITTLE.

COMMERCIAL firms that have occasion to telegraph frequently from one side of the ocean to the other have put a good deal of thought into inventing methods for reducing the cost of cabling. Some of these, which the cable companies dare not pro hibit on account of the strong competition now existing, are described in a late issue of the Mail and Express:

existing, are described in a late issue of the Andi old Experts:

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Another favorities used of until and own the num-and Ilay, is to false two or three foreign words, and Ilay, is to false two or three foreign words, then together in what appears to be one word. By this means time or ten fetters of the alphabet, the control of the code of the code of the code of the code process, or agentine word of the happenene, thall be letters in length.

BOOTS OF STATE.

Two boys sometimes manage to get along with one pair of skates between them, and from an item in the Graphic it would seem that the same spirit of economy animates the hearts of far away East Indians:

Inclians: The boot and aboe exquette in India sorely per-The boot and aboe exquette in India sorely per-cept of the provinces it is customary for all native one of the provinces it is customary for all native operations of the province in the customary of all native percept of the province in the province in the province they were fragilish boots, no change is required, when the Governor of Bennhaj sultay held a fewer when the Governor of Bennhaj sultay held a fewer sould be indigingly of appearing boots, no as to study the province of the province in the province in the wear the boots as he was presented to the Gov-ernor, and no small measurement was created outside corrected outside and the province of the province of the war the boots as he was presented to the Gov-ernor, and no small measurement was created outside and coverads to exchange the solutory part of loosts, with the next comes of



BUFFALO HUNTING-AN EXCITING MOMENT. SEE PAGE 275.

THE STRUGGLE WITHIN.

BY HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

OUR little lives are kept in equipoise
By opposite attractions and desires:
The struggle of the instinct that enjoys
And the more noble instinct that aspir

Three Thirty Three;

ALLAN TRENT'S TRIALS.

By MATTHEW WHITE, JR., Author of " Eric Dane," " The Heir to White-cap," " The Denford Boys," etc.

CHAPTER XI. THE MAN IN THE PLAID ULSTER AND THE

"H-er-what do you say?"
The suddenly awakened gentleman rubbed his eyes, sified a yawn, and looked up at Arthur inquiringly.
"I asked if you were not Mr. Paul Beaver?" repeated the latter, trying to decide whether the other's voice was a fa-

other's voice was miliar one or not, miliar one or not,
"Paul Beaver? Why
no, never heard of the
man. My name is Benjamin Gray. Do I
look like Mr. Beaver? no, ne. man. My na... jamin Gray. Do jamin Gray. Do look like Mr. Beaver? Ahem, I'm sorry for him, and the red haired gentleman smiled beasantly at his own "called".

"Yonkers!" called out the brakeman.
"There's something queer about this, thought Arhur, rapidly. "If this fellow doesn know sever, the struck of the struck out the brakeman

along."
The half mind became a whole one when he discovered that the large lady was a Yonlarge lady was a Yon-kers passenger, and that her departure left him the chance of continuing his conversation with Mr. Gray more com-Gray more com-bly. So he slipped fortably. So he slip into the vacant sea

onductor comes

soon as her skirts had cleared the space. "Oh, I don't know Mr. Beaver very well," Mr. Beaver very well," he said, replying to the he said, replying to the other's question. "I want to see him on a matter of business. He isn't a personal friend, whose looks I could easily remember." easily remember."

easily remember."

"What made to which the "wasted Mr. Gray quickly.
Poor Arthur! He ought to have been prepared for the question, and the property of the prepared for the question, and the prepared for the question for the part on his grand. But how else can I replain matters? It's at least two seconds since he's asked me the question mow. I've got to answer something, so here goe-troop of the grand of the prepared for the

You say, young man, that I've somebody

"You say, 'young man, that I've somebody else's trunk "y
Mr. Gray turned around on Arthur so sharply
that our friend shrank back, a little startled.
as I am positive it was his trunk I saw you
check, it looks very likely."
Arthur forced a smile with this response. As
a matter of fact, he was in anything but mithful humor. He felt that with every word he
blunders.

blunders. "who committing more and greater "by let all the distributions of the blunders." It would not not cause of the blunders. It would not be suffered to the case of the suffered to the case of the suffered when the case of the case of the suffered when the other began too lough. "We will that's one on me, "he said. I must be suffered when the committee of the blaggere master and see about having the mistake rectified at once. I bey your part of the blaggere master and see about having the mistake rectified at once. I bey your part of the blaggere master and see about having the mistake rectified at once. I between the committee of the blunders of the suffered with the suffered with

At the same moment the conductor came

along and asked Seymour for his ticket. Of course, having bought one for Yonkers, he was now compelled to put his hand in his pocket to pay for the distance he had ridden beyond that

poy for me usasance he han rances recyons cause "is it possible. I have come all this way on a wild goose chase?" he said to himself, as he counted out enough money to carry him to very like it, I have certainly heard before. Can it be that it is Bewer himself in digitie; if "I have certainly heard before. Can the counter of the count

It was a very brief one and almost before they

It was a very brief one and almost before they had come to a standstill he wheels of the train were in motion again.
"He may have got off here," was the possibility that suddenly flashed over Arthur.
He ducked his head so as to look out of a window and caught fleeting glimpses of a plaid window.

window and cought with a bound he rushed for the nearest door, With a bound he rushed for the nearest door, and as the headway was as yet very slight, swing himself to the ground before the rear car was clear of the platform. But when he turned around the man in the ulster had vanished.

After another searching glance around the

After another searching glance around the apartment, Seprour shrugged the shoulders apartment, Seprour shrugged the shoulders girl with the perambulator, who was within speaking distance, suggested a new method of method of the standard of the standard the standard for the stan

Arthur was so very eager that the little girl became somewhat nervous and stepped around in front of the perambulator with a show of defending her charge from a possibly impend-

ing onslaught.
"Why, don't you know where he went >" she asked innocently

asked innocently.

"Of course I don't."

"That's funny," and the girl actually looked as if she were about to laugh in his face.

"But it's very important that I should find the man," Arthur replied, inclined to be rather provoked at the little girl's manner. Besides, the felt that each moment was so much precious

time lost from the chase.

Now the child was really laughing, and al-

"Hold on," interposed Arthur; "I didn't want you to describe my looks. It may grow to be embarrassing, you know." The girl said nothing, but stared first at the dime in her hand and then at Arthur. Suddenly an unwelcome light broke in on the

Suddenly an unwelcome light to so.

"Great Hercules!" he exclaimed. "I believe it was me you saw get off that train."

"Yes," was the meek reply; "that's what made me think it funny for you to ask."

CHAPTER YII

WONDER if I hadn't better offer my services to Pinkerton as a detective of the most original methods we be the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we will be the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods which we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods we have a supplier or the most original methods which are the most original methods and the most original methods are the most original methods and the most original methods are the most original methods and the most origi actually able to shadow my own move

Thus reflected Arthur after the humiliating discovery recorded at the close of the preceding

apter.
"But that Beaver-Gray, whoever he is, this
pesn't explain what became of him," ne "But that Beaver-one,"
"But that Beaver-one,"
doesn't explain what became of nun,
doesn't explain what became of nun,
Then turning to the little girl again, who had
Then turning to the little girl again, who had
Then turning to the little girl again, who had
Then turning to the state of a musement and awe, he said frankly:

""" a musement and awe, he said frankly:
""" a me not to remember
""" a musement and awe, he said frankly:

mixture of amusement and awe, he said frankly:
"It was terribly stupid of me not to remember that you might have seen me get off the cars as well as the next man. But are you sure you

But are you sure you didn't see an v b o d v didn't see anybody else?"
"Yes, I saw another man, but he wasn't getting off the train. He got on the very last car, when it was going real fast."

real rast,"
"Did you notice what
color coat he had on?"
Arthur spoke breathlessly, and his eyes dilated under the strong
excitement that suddenly took possession of
him

him.

"It was a big, long
one, with squares all
over it, something like
a checker board."

"Great Cæsar, won't somebody please call me an idiot, a donkey, a jackanapes of the first me an idiot, a donkey, a jackanapes of the first water? That fellow must have seen me walk from the forward car, and then swung himself back on to the rear one. No wonder I couldn't see him anywhere about the statione where about the statione looked after the train I might have had a view of him dancing a jig of derision on the back platform," Arthur was so thor-

platform."

Arthur was so thoroughly disgusted with himself that he braced his back against the nearest telegraph pole, and felt to kicking the gravel with the toe of his shoe like a disgusted small boy,

"But I won't give it up," he muttered after a minute, as the thunder of an approaching train.

minute, as the thunder
of an approaching train,
anorthward bound, shook
the cert. "That very
the control of the control of the cert."
be a fugitive. I know
where his trunk is checked, and—"
station like a fash, and Arthur's spirits flagged

Station uses a seed when the seed of the seed wonder how long I'll have to fret and fume in this half horse place?" he asked himself, then deciding that the tlockst agent was a more proper person to whom to put the question, he said; "Good by, and much obliged" to the little girl, and hastened once more to the waiting room.

ing room.

Here he ascertained that the next train for

Here he ascertained that the next train tor Sing Sing would not be along for an hour."
"Time enough for me to get some dinner," Arthur reflected, "and to telegraph mother what has become of me. I'll attend to the last matter first," and asking for a blank he wrote one and the some of the some of the con-lary of the some of the some of the some first the neighborhood of the some of the s Am on my way to Sing Sing on important business for Allan. May not be back till tomorrow.

Don't worry. Have money.

ARTHUR SEVMOUR.

"And now," he added, as he handed in the dispatch, "where is the nearest hotel?"
"In Yonkers."
"Yonkers!" exclaimed Arthur. "Why, that

must be two or three miles from here."
"About two."

"About two."
"But isn't there any place around here where I could get something to eat?"
"There isn't any hotel, and the boarding "There isn't any hotel, where I could get something to get a fact a little further conversation the ticket agent thought his wife could tide out friend over his predicament. The house was best than an eighth of a mile from the station,



"I'VE COME ALL THIS WAY FOR YOU AND I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU GO," CRIED ARTHUR.

"Well, that's the queerest!" he exclaimed, looking as astonished as if he had put his hand over a fly and then discovered that it had magi-

over a fly and then discovered that it had magi-cally disappeared. On one side of him was the river, and it was evident at a glance that the indi-vidual he wanted was not there. To be sure, in the other direction there was a patch of woods, but Arthur was positive that there had not been time for the most feet footer runner to reach them from the moment when he glanced out of from extractions the size of the con-

out of the car windows to the instant he had spring from the train and turned around. Total back into the country, but there was neither bore, wapan nor man on it—counting but as pushing a boly carriage before her.
"I Perhaps he spoe into the waiting room," and Arthur hastened to investigate, and quiet as a farmer's bedroom at middley has quiet as a farmer's bedroom at middley has-ing time. There was not even the click of the Arthur was collected to seach view before the search of the collected the collected of the co

refegranh instrument to break the silence and Arthur was oldiged to speak twee before he are all the second of the second of the second book and the second of the second book of the second book are gentleman ground book of the second book are gentleman ground book of the property of the frequency of the train of the second book of the second book of the "Yes, if that's what you call it. Did any-"Yes, if that's what you call it. Did any-"Yes, if the second book of the second book "You've the first person that has been in this room for two hours," replied the agent, adding are the second book of the second book of the second person of the second book of the second book of the "You've the first person that has been in this "You've the first person that has been in this "You've the first person that has been in this "You've the first person that has been in this "You've the first person that has been a this "You've the first person that has been in this "You've the first person that has been in this "You've the first person that has been in this "You've the first person that has been in this "You've the first person that has been in this "You've the first person that has been in this "You've the first person that has been in this "You've the first person that has been in this "You've the first person that has been a person that the person that the "You've the first person that has been a person that the person that t

though Seymour had the highest respect and re-gard for the fair sex, he never felt so much like shaking anybody in his life as he did that little shaking anybody his life as he did that little "Carl you tell me which way the gentleman went?" he persided, trying to stiffe his wrath. The girl's face suddenly sobered and she be-most like the state of the state of the state of the breath, "Carl hat child be an accomplic of Beaverly." Is it possible he has bribed her not The notion was too preposterous to be enter-

to betray him?"
The notion was too preposterous to be enter-tained for a moment. Nevertheless it suggested an expedient to him.
Taking a dime out of his pocket he hurried

Taking a dime out of his pocket he hurried after the retreating young lady and holding it up so that she could see the sunshine glitter on late creams. It know, and there must be a candy shop within a mile or so. I'll give you this so that you can make yourself a present of some if you'll quit fooling and tell me straight out went."

what that tenow went,"
"Oh, I can tell you what he looked like,"
answered the girl, adding, with a quick catching of her breath: "Maybe he is your twin brother and I didn't happen to be looking when went away."
"My twin brother! What on earth do you

"My twin uses."

"Why he had on the same kind of hat, and a coat with a cape to it just like yours, and he wasn't any taller, and his hair was the same color."

with a smile : tral Depot."

and furnished with a note from the husband, Seymour made hade to present himself there, crackers and cheese was provided for him with railroad promptness, and although it was real hood—who turned out to be the station master's daughter—sit on the edge of a chair award by his appetite or had been commissioned to see that he did not slip a spoon up his cost to see that he did not slip a spoon up his cost not readily recall to mind another meal that had

not readily recall to mind another meal that had tasted so good to him.

As he insisted on paying for it, twenty five cents was the tariff fixed upon, and after be-stowing this sum, with many thanks, on his hostess, Arthur hastened back to the station again where he was just in time to heard his

again, where he was just in time to locard instrain.

He had bought a ticket for Sing Sping—growing rather red as he mentioned the name—and occupied the time during the trip—which was but a brief one—in planning what he would not acase he should not find his man at the end of

"He's a cuming one, to rush off for the last place where anybody would think of looking for him," he mused. "I dare say it is only a blind, him," he mused. "I dare say it is only a blind, he fancies he's thrown us off the scent. But perhaps I can trace him by his trunk. Wonder what Al thinks of my rushing off this way? I'll certainly lave a big story to tell him when I get

back."

The conductor's cry of "Sing Sing" cut short his meditations and made action the order of the hour. Deceding on alleging from the His first proceeding on alleging from the His first proceeding on alleging from the the chance that Beaver, for he was now pretty positive that Gray, was a name assumed along with the red hair, confident that his ruse just beyond Yonkens had been successful, might be luxing about until the could get a train that ould carry him further up the river. But Arthur saw no signs of the queer col-

But Arthur saw no signs of the queer col-ored coat.

"Another cute trick of the wily rascal's," the boy told himself. "He thinks that no detec-tive would spot a man who travels about with such a 'Here I am' look about his clothes as

such a 'Here' I am' look about his clothes as that. The next thing on the programme is to in-westigate the buggage room and—great Casar, there he is now, getting his truth rechecked. 'Hint,' as the villain says in the play, till I steal up softly before he sees me, and find out where he is going next action directly to the word, Arthur kept directly behind 'his mam' until he got close enough to read the name 'Albany' on the check he was about to slip into his

on one ones, ne was about to slip into fist. Then pulling himself together for all he vas worth, as he afterwards expressed it, he touched the elsever of the conspictions cost and said! did with those M., S. P., and B. bonds you took from Mr. Trent's she'shy, then, essing who it was, smiled in the blanchest fashion, and exclaimed in an off hand way: "Ah, we meet again, do we? I'ln even smuch obliged for right," it was considered that the said of the said of

celling me about that trums amore right and the colors's consuments coolease that he was residered speeches; then realing that the mass harrying past him, he quickened his own steps and once where the color of the

the airciale, eh? But I have an engagement up in the town. Good aftermon.

One of the control of

watch is "No, but this man has stolen \$200,000 worth of railroad bonds and he's trying to get to Canada with these existing core," you in the "Why he must be raving cross," you in the conductor of the train! I came you by the conductor of the train! I came you that he sat in the same train with me and we were the best of friends. I do not understand what has driven him to this sad state. Do any dyou have "No body hou you".

here know who he is?"
"Nobody but you," once more broke out
Arthur. "Weren't you satisfied with committing one crime, but must add another one to

it?" Then turning to the crowd, Seymour went on rapidly: "I tell you he's a criminal fleeing the country in disguise. If you want proof just knock off his hat and see if he hasn't got a wig on P.

got a wig on !"

The young porter who had already spoken stepped forward in response to this suggestion, and whipping off the square topped derby as quick as a wink, took a good pull at the auburn

quick as a whin, 1000 - 6 locks.
"No, they're real and fast enough," he amounced, as poor Gray uttered a squeal of

Arthur looked blank

CHAPTER YIII

AN UNEXPECTED SET BACK. AN UNEXPECTED SET MAGE.

HIS is a criminal assault, but considering the fellow's youth and evident respectability, I will not press the Thus agree. Thus agree and the paroxysm into which the hair test had

from the paroxysm into

thrown him.

"Take your hands off the gentleman, young man," added the porter, who had now veered around to the eneny. "If you don't, we're mighty convenient to the State's boarding house."

house."
"But I tell you if he isn't the man that stole
the bonds he is an accomplice," persisted
Arthur, beginning to recover from the confusion
into which the discovery that Gray's hair was all

his own had thrown him.
"Oh, that's too thin," ejaculated a man in a blue checked shirt. "You're hedging now.

blue checked shirt. "You're hedging now. Let go of the gentleman, I say." For, with a strong sense of the loyalty due his chum, Seymour had still retained his hold on the broad checked sleeve.

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im now.

see him now.

"This ranger overtops the Pixey express wagon act, I think," he said to himself, as he relaxed his muscles and gave himself up to the tender mercies of the Sing Sing porters.

see a second of the sing sing porters, and the second himself with the second porters are you? "he asked, turning to the one who had pulled Mr. Gray's hair for him.

"That whym?" was the reply, "Why, Jim and I are just wonderin' what goin's to be Jim?" which will be seen that the second with the second porter is the second porter of the secon

"Almost a clear case of 'sault and battery, Mike," responded Jim. "But if he's quiet and behaves like a gentleman we might let him down

behaves like a gentleman we might let him down cash."

"Only or feel like being quiet when a mit blad's stolen \$500.000 from a friend of yours and that you had tracked all the way from Brooklyn, and gone hungry to keep in sight, and run the risk of breaking your neck in jumping off the train after, is let get away be-fore your eye?" Arthur was so excited and spoke so fast that his words tumbled over one another in rather a

fore your eyes?"
Arthur was no device and apoke so fast that Arthur was no device on activate in catalogue, and the control of the control of

ghtin cooks desired and the stured porter.

"All right. I suppose there'll be nothing iminal about my sending a telegram, will neere?" and Arthur got up and walked off to the telegraph window.

As a matter of course a great part of the crowd followed him, but he didn't mind that.

He was full of a new scheme for circumventing Gray that had just occurred to him. the telegraph window

. Taking up the pad of blanks he wrote rapidly as follow

as follows:

ALIAN TRENT, COLUMBIA HERBUTS, BROOKLYN, N. Y.
See your father's lawyer and have a warrant of
detention for one Benjamin Gray, about forty, reddish hair, plaid overcoat, telegraphed to chief of
police at Albary. Train due at mine tonight. Will
follow him there. Send instructions.

ARTHER SEVANOEW.

"Hello, what's this?" exclaimed the operator, when he had read the dispatch, which Arthur hoped neither Mike nor Jin would want to see. But these two worthies were so busily engaged in answering the countless questions rained upon them by the curious passengers that they had their eyes and tongues full for the time

had their eyes and songer-being.

"How much is it?"he asked, ignoring the man's comment and taking out a roll of bills.

Just as he was counting his change a train rolled up to the station.

"The man's show myself to Gray this time,"

rolled up to the station.
"I mustn't show myself to Gray this time," he told himself, so he tried to curb his impatience, and after leaving the telegraph window, so that the state of the

to their duties, and in the burry and baste of the incoming train the late "life upleasant-ness appeared to have been foregetten. Meeting the state," was the resolution Arthur had made. "I might have known that I condob's the beat of the late of

Having settled for his fare with the conductor, Having settled for his fare with the conductor, he fell to wondering over the strangeness of the quest in which he was engaged, until the rhythmic rattle of the wheels and the wariness induced by his exciting adventures sent him off into a doze in the course of which dreams of plaid haired men in red coats mingled strangely with visions of railroad porters in blue checked tights turning handsprings over a pile of Saratoza.

togas.

And somehow all the while he was dimly con-

togas, contained all the while he was disalty conclosed of the manner of the different stations as
they were called out by the brakeman, so that
ther Hudson was passed he roused himself to
"I'll'uy and keep in the background as much
a possible," he decided, "ill after the officers
hope and the proper state of the properties of the p

came to a standstill he sprang off. "Have you got a telegram for Arthur Sey-our?" he cried breathlessly, bursting into the

mour " he crea treatmessy, oursuing into the waiting room." Yes, one just arrived," and the clerk handed out a sheet which had not yet been folded. Arthur took it, ran his eye over the words rapidly, while the color faded from his cheeks. This is what he read:

ARTHUR SEYMOUR,
N. Y. C. RAILROAD STATION, ALBANY.
Come back at once. Father gone. Have no
proof that note was forged.
ALLAN TRENT. "What does it mean?" muttered the boy.

"What does it mean?"
At that instant he heard some one exclaim:
"Why, Arthur, you here?"
Turning quickly, he found himself face to face with Agnes Trent, and one glance told Arthur that she was quite ignorant of what had Arthur than happened at home.
(To be continued.)

HELPING ALONG.

MISDIRECTED energy is generally sad, but it is sometimes laughable, as in the case of the young wife who volunteered to help her husband along by setting type on his country weekly. The Troy Standard shows its readers how she succeeded with a wedding notice that came in during her husand's absence:

mark ID: at Tye ReSpenck Of the BriDes Pasentsis on wenday eveng Sep! 8a9, 98a Mr! Jiho jacknos to mips katy nark.u? the Cersm Gy—was Seffrom by Ravy; mr. Decen Inn the resence of a large number of Fredism of the grange couple & was a beRyy joyful Occasino. Mr. and mrss will be at Hoem to the; frija at 8p abn h § affrocto.

THE RAIN ON THE ROOF.

THE RAIN ON THE ROOF,
BY L. KINNEY.
WHEN the humid shadows hover
Over all the starry spheres
And the melancholy darkness
Gently weeps in rainy tears,
What a bits to press the pillow
Of a cottage chamber bed
And he listening to the patter
Of the soft rain overhead!

Of the soft rain overhead; Every tinkle on the shingles. Has an echo in the heart; And a thousand dreamy fancies. Into busy being start, And a thousand recollections. Weave their air threads into we are their air threads into Y of the rain upon the roof.

[This story come ord in No. 266.)

THE

Lost Gold Mine. By FRANK H. CONVERSE,

Author of "Van," " In Southern Seas," " The Mystery of a Diamond," etc., etc. CHAPTER VVVVIII

A NEWSPAPER PARAGRAPH

HREE days after the tragedy described at the close of the last chapter, three mounted horsemen, accompanied by a heavily loaded burre, struck a branch of the trail leading from Independence City southward

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arcn.

That evening, after a most substantial sup-er, Rob got out the battered violin, which for ays had slumbered voiceless and tuneless in greeu baize bag.

But the magic touch of the bow called out the melody that had been not dead but sleeping

its casket.
Never had Rob seemed to throw such joyous Sever man no seemed to throw such joyous energy into his playing. Everything that he could remember in the way of tunes which were suggestive of life and animation flowed in spirited measure from the vibrant strings. It was one way he had of expressing his jubilant feelings.

feelings.

But suddenly he stopped for a brief moment, and then began playing "Robin Adair," accompanying the familiar tune with the words which had come to him from the borders of dream-

had come to have the song you and I used to sing in New Orleans," exclaimed Chip, raising himself from his saddle pillow and staring at Rob. "It's something you've made up your-

self."

Rob slowly returned the instrument to its covering and laid it aside.

"No," he said, quietly. "It came to me one night while you two were askeep, and I was awake," And then for the first time he narrated the incident connected with the song. Chip was first to break the silence that en-

Rob," he said, hesitatingly, "I've got kind

"Rob," he said, hesitatingly, "I've got of a—confession to make,"
"Go ahead," was the surprised response,
"You know when Brayton was shot a Bonanza ranch?"

onanza ranch?"
"Yes."
"And you asked if there were any papers
ound on him—anything to tell who he was?"
"Well?"

"Well?"
"There wasn't anything of that kind. But the Russia leather pocketbook with the minin' stock in it had a newspaper clipping in one of stock in the advantage of the control of the

Drawing ucarer to the blaze. Kob, with a surgular mixture of emotions, read as follows:

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of such a crime.

Rob was a long time silent. Indeed, he could not trust his voice to speak. His mother, then, whom he could not remember, was in heaven, whis father reduced to poverty perhaps, homeless certainly. And he, Rob, had wealth enough at command to make them both independent for life!

"Why didn't you show me this—when you first discovered it, Chip?" he asked. For the first time in Rob's remembrance Chip

For the first time in Rob's memenbrane Chip showed visible signs of embarrassmuster. It is "1—1—was afraid you'd throw up the trip and go sooding back to New Orleam," he said, "Then, again," Chip went on, as Rob made on response, "It find of reasoned that three or four weeks wouldn't make any great difference, and taking the chances of finding the ED Ders-your pocket when you came to hunt up your lattle, seeing he was poor, and—"I guess that'll do for excuses," interrupted Rob, who at fair two sunderiors as to the exist-

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And it was a long time before he closed his

CHAPTER XXXIX. AT WAI-NA-MEE.

HE men of the Nex Perce reserve call themselves "braves" for the most part. They remind one of the regiment mentioned by Artemas Ward as numbering no private soldiers, and consisting entirely of commissioned officers.

Being braves they naturally have a contempt Being braves they naturally have a contempt of the property of the prop

Being beaves they naturally have a contempt for manual labor. Although metaphorically they have turned their scalinging laters in tempera-tured to the scale of the Woman, they think, was made to bear the eat and burden of the day. Ado not only but, since the white man has decreed that the lindian's curn bread must be carried by the sweat of his brows—the women must earn it, we have the scale of the scale of the scale of the results of the scale of the scale of the scale of the results of the scale of the scale of the scale of the sweat of his brows—the women must earn it, we have the scale of th

So at narvest une, use 'Nez Perce outwes get up hunting partities, or make visitations to some friendly reservation so far away that their return will not be expected till after harvest. It luckily happened that Bunyap's party reached the valley of peace during harvest. The masculine element was represented only by a score or so of every old men and a small regiment of boys un-

very our mean are a second der sixteen.

I say luckly, for the reason that I have not the respect for Indian morals in a semicivilized state that others may have. Certain it is, I should not care to spend a night or two on any reservation in the country having with me gold

to a considerable amount—especially if the latter fact were known. Nor on some white men's fact were known.

reservations, either.

As I say, the women were doing the harvesting, with a few exceptions. Wantiat's mother, whose name was Nokomis, was one.

Nokomis, being a well to do woman, with horses in the corral and cattle on a thousand hills—more or less—hired her harvesting done.

And as for letting her Wantia do mental work,

hulls—more of less—hard her harvesing done, which was been also hard by the hull of Waita was the apple of Nokomiks eye.

And it is ochaned that on the day when a special properties of the special properties. And if you will believe the special properties of the special properties of the special properties. And if you will believe the special properties of the special properties of the special properties. And if you will believe the special properties of the special properties of the special properties. And if you will believe the special properties of the s

lore, but you must remember I am writing argely of fact, not fiction. And Wanita's experience at that most useful and interesting of institutions—the Carlisle school for Indianahad been of inestimable value to her in many

had been of inestinave with a significant of the si

" From another tribe and country Young and tall and very handse That is, not from another country exactly, but another reservation. In fact, it was no other than Stefano, the elder of Mrs. Roth's step-

sons.
For hunau nature is very much the same in most climes and races. Stefano had met pretty most climes and races. Stefano had met pretty most clime and the pretty most control of the stefano had been as a mother of course, and this was his second visit to the Nez Perre village. And to judge by absequent westly, he meant basilise whose soft black hair was plained into one thick braid, so the stefano had been considered and the stefano had been considered with the showed either corner of the small month which showed itself when she smiled. And this she did quite often, for Stefano seemed to be very entertain-

often, for Stefano seemed to be very entertamicy, on the Nes Pecce dislete and that of the Navosa differ widely. So that Wantes and Stefano were talking in common place English, which each spoke indifferently well. Or rather better than the stefano were talking in common place and the stefano was stating on the state of the

And here he stopped with a great sigh. But if he expected Wanita to add the withheld word, Stefano was mistaken.

if he expected Wanta to add the withheld Yet the picture-use gath worn by the young man should of itself have assisted Stefano's Yet the picture-use gath worn Medican had-endo, which is rather striking to say the least. A short, black vetween jucker with big aliver though the picture of the picture of the picture picture of the picture of salver mounted; and his light green sombreon was handed with our cubs of gold cord, or the sake of contrast, to be shown further on. And in lingline to this Stefano looked upon his out-ward adtrement with persect complacency, was a shared with several complacency.

"All my heart shall desire," he repeated after a little pause—"except a wife, but that possibly. He spoke the last word so low that possibly. He spoke the last word so low that possibly no sign. Her sewing had dropped idly in her lap. She was gazing toward the entrance to the village with a curious far away look in her deep, dark eyes. I am inclined to fancy that for the moment she was not thinking of Stefano at

all.
Stefano perhaps was encouraged by her silence. He drew a little nearer and took her small brown hand in his own. And it was that very moment that Chip had chosen to present itself. The party of gold miners had but a few moments before arrived at the little stone watering place in the middle of the settlement.

CHAPTER XL.

CHIP'S RETURN

ONTRARY to Rob's advice, Chip had not waited even to wash a layer or two of dust from his sunburned face. Directed by a little Indian boy, he had started in hot haste for Nokomis's cabin. And the little tableau which greeted his first glance gave him internal sensations better imagined than de-

scribed.
Wanita snatched her hand from Stefano's

with a little cry. But the Indian part of her nature was not demonstrative. And Chp, who didn't understand this, felt his heart sink unto didn't understand this, felt his heart sink unto little courtey learned at the Carisle school. If Stefano had not been there I think it would have been different. But he stood there, tall, handsome, and well dressed, vunchsafing the stiffest of notes as he recognized in Chp the young fellow the half seen in company with

the stiffest of measure, young fellow he had seen in company, young fellow he had seen in company, young fellow he had seen in company, and then for the first time Chip, conscious of his rival's gay attire, glanned himself over. His riving boots were brokes at the side, his riding overalis in rags, one sleeve of his faded blue shirt was hell tom off, a button was gone at the week, and Moses the mustang in a hungry fit was held norm off, a button the brim of his neck, and Moses the mustang in a hungry had taken a big bite from the brim of weather beaten sombero. And everything not far from an eighth of an inch of fine gr

white dust.
with dust,
white dust.
that circus riding dressed chap is round,"
thought Chip disconsolately. And I presume
stefano thought exactly the same.
For as Wanita stood waiting for Chip to
break the silence, Stefano beckoned her to step

behind the leafy screen before the rude porch. Half mechanically Wanita did so—Chip stand-ing below in an agony of jealousy and embar-

rassment.
"Never mind the dirty dressed white fellow,
Wanita," he said in a low tone, "think of
Stefano, who here waits his answer."
Wanita's soul was stirred with righteous in-

Wanita's soul was stirred with righteesse audignation.

"Go!" she passionately exclaimed, and—alas that I should have to record!—she moved suddenly away, at the same moment dealing astonished Stefano a resounding box on the ear! considered Stefano are sounding box on the early ment later Stefano, multering Mexican or Najajo imprecations, dashed down the steps and past Chip himself, the dusty youth felt a trifle relieved.

relieved.
Skipping up on the porch, Chip found Wani-ta sitting on the bench, her pretty face hidden in her hands.
"Crying because your beau's left you in a huff, I s'pose, Wanita," said Chip, who really did not believe anything of the kind. Fat Wanita did not answer. She penissently fat Wanita did not answer with the sind the control of the thing the said of the

by an inward sob.
"Wanita," cried Chip, bending over the dis-tressed maiden, "Wanita—say—I didn't mean nothing-

nothing—"
The girl's fingers dropped, and lo, her pretty olive hued face was wreathed in smiles,
But for all that, Chip could not shake off the unpleasant impression the little scene he had witnessed a few moments before had made

upon him.

"If Wanta is one of those firty kind o girls—I—don't know," he thought dishously, and the state of the state of

ity to his manner that Wanita misunderstood.
"I won't bring out the bracelets just yet awhile. I'll wait and see if that Stefano is coming back," was his mental determination. And before many words had been interchanged be-

ing back," was his mental determination. And before namy works had been interchanged before namy works had been interchanged behavior and the property of the

such changes at least as soap and water would been assigned to Bunyan and Chip by one of the empty leage which had been assigned to Bunyan and Chip by one of the same that the same that general such as the same that the same that general such such as the same that general such such as the same that general such as the same do for more important or the quality such as the same do for more important or the causin to when the same that general such as the same do for more important or the quality such as English she deep from Chip for quality blocks anglish she for from Chip for quality blocks.

her quaint broken English she drew from Chip an approximation to the amount of his recently acquired wealth. And their conversation there-after must have been of a highly interesting nature, for it was midnight when Chip, in a

state of considerable mental excitement, re-turned to the lodge where his two friends were

turned to the long where his two freines westering soundly.

On the following morning, Chip's two friends noticed that their young companion wore a look which might almost be called guilty. He was absent minded and embarrassed in speech—in short entirely unlike the frank, outspoken Chip

they had known.
"This settin' up late with a pretty Injin girl
don't seem to agree with you, Chip," was the "This settin' up late with a pretty Injin gird don't seem to agree with you, Chip," was the pointed remark of Bunyap, as the three finished a hearty breakfast of game brought to the cabin very early by Nokomis's hired help, who said something in the Nez Perce tongue that Bun-yap interpreted as "with my mistress's compli-ments"

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the corral.

"1—I guess I shan't go back to Bragg City," said he, faltering and affecting not to notice the sudden looks of amazement bent upon him, "Not go to Bragg City!" repeated Rob, why, what do you mean? "Goin' into pardner-ships with he's hinkin' of goin' into pardner-ships with a chuckle one here," remarked Bunyap with a chuckle.

ships with some one here," remarked Bunyap with a chuckle.

"Why—how'd you know?" ejaculated Chip, in a tone of astonishment. But Rob was for the moment speechless. Catching instantly at Bunyap's meaning, he stared from one to the

other in bewilderment.
"With-Wanita?" he ejaculated.

other in bewilderment.

"With—Want is ejeculated."

"With—Want is permitted, with white blood in her veins would make a suitable wife for Chip less with the work of the warf and stray, but it was the extreme youth of both which made the idea to starting, was the somewhat impatient rejoinder. "Now with her mother of course, which was the somewhat impatient rejoinder." Now with her mother of course, which was the work of the

at."
"There, don't say no more, Chip," interposed
Bunyap; "as you've said, you're your own
master, an' it ain't for us to dictate. But I
should think you'd be sorry to cut loose from
Rob here so kind of sudden."

should think you'd be sorry to cut loose from the control of the c

irgen. I have never known definitely as to the exa I have never known definitely as to the exact number of pounds and ounces which the EI Dorado yielded the three fortunate prospectors: But at any rate the sack was too heavy for either of them to carry very far alone, and they both were possessed of abundant muscle. So they took turns, and in due time arrived at

they took turns, and in due time arrived at Chip's future home. Rob's astonishment at Nokomis's compara-tive youth and good looks was almost as great as at the neatness and even tasty appearance of the little home itself, which was very unlike his preconceived ideas. And Nokomis received the visitor with a

preconceived ideas.

And Nokomis received the visitor with a native and dignity quite surprising. But as Chip allowed the bag of nugges to fall not table with a dull crash, Rob fancied he saw a gleam of satisfaction flash suddenly across the dark, handsome face.

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A MADE OVER MAN.

FROM time to time the ARGOSY has noted the wonderful achievements of modern surgery. But wonders in this direction seem never to

The latest marvel is the case of a railroad man, described in the New York World, whose neck, right arm, both legs and five ribs were broken a year ago, but who is now up and able to travel about the country in quite a cheerful frame of mind

We say he has been up, but in deference to strict accuracy we may add that since he rose from his six months' confinement he has not been able to lie down. He is obliged to carry his head in an iron mask, and his right arm has now a silver joint; but notwithstanding these and a few other minor drawbacks, he calls himself at present "a well man, only a little neryous and restless.'

Verily nowadays, armed with an accident insurance policy, and cheered by the knowledge that even broken necks can be made whole again, the most timid need not shrink from traveling on single track roads.

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TONES THAT KILL.

SPEAK kindly. This advice has a trite sound to it, we acknowledge, but when man is ever forgetting and transgressing, words of warning and suggestion are never stale, because always needed.

The gift of speech is the grand distinguishing mark between human beings and the brutes How careful should we be then to make a proper use of it!

A scientific journal cites the case of a woman. who, in order to shame her husband for a hasty utterance, answered the call of her canary bird in a sharp and angry tone.

The bird, to whom she had never before spoken otherwise than lovingly, fluttered to the floor of the cage, and within five minutes was

If dumb creatures are so sensitive to harsh words, what pains should we not take to avoid wounding our fellow mortals, many of them weaker and less and advantaged than ourselves, by thoughtless or passionate speech !

WHAT MONEY WON'T BUY.

IT is said that one of New York's most noted millionaires once remarked that he could wear but one suit of clothes at a time and had no greater capacity for food than his poorer neighbor, so that really he could not expend on himself, in one sense of the word, over and above a certain fixed sum, no matter how much more he might possess.

Another very wealthy man, on being asked what was the happiest hour of his life, replied that he must set it far back of the time when he began to be recognized as a capitalist. He said that memory must carry him back for it to his twenty first year, when he had saved up \$800 and had an annual income of \$500. Then a little further ahead, to twelve months later, when lie had married and secured a little cottage for himself and wife. Returning home to this after his first day's work succeeding the wedding, to find the evening meal, prepared by the hands

of her he loved, ready on the table set against the wall in that plain little kitchen-" I would give every dollar of the wealth that has flowed in upon me," he affirmed, "for the joy of the hour of that June evening in the long, long ago."

THE VALUE OF WORK.

WHEN early this year the appropriation for the carrying on of convict labor at New York's State prison at Sing Sing ran short, the warder of the jail did not dare tell the prisoners beforehand that on such a day work in the shops would be discontinued. He feared that, dreading the consequent idleness that must ensue, they would plot together for an uprising. The news, therefore, was not imparted to them until after they had been securely lodged in their cells on the night following the last day's labore

This incident proves beyond dispute the blessedness of labor; but, alas, too often must man become a law breaker to realize it!

Idleness wears a mask. At first glance she may seem very attractive, but on closer acquaintance the mask is dropped, and the disenchantment is complete.

Thus we see that work is not only a duty : it is a refuge from unutterable misery.

LEFT OVER MINUTES.

A FORTNIGHT ago we had something to say concerning ways to make money. This week we wish to throw out a few hints on the acquirement of fame.

A writer in an evening paper recently undertook to prove how even the busiest people can find time to read or study on some particular subject, the thorough mastering of which may in the end win them recognition and honors from their fellows. It is by using the odd minutes, while waiting for dinner or tea, time which would otherwise be expended in idleness,

"Oh, what is the use of commencing any thing now?" the thought may be; "I'll have to drop it right away."

But drops of water make up the ocean and grains of sand the shore; the loftiest buildings are built brick by brick, and the writer mentioned instances, such men as Garfield, Gladstone, Disraeli and Edwin Arnold, who achieved greatness in their several lines by utilizing these despised left over minutes.

THE FAIRY WAND OF SCIENCE.

WE whose lot is cast in the present age of mechanical marvels need not to turn to fairy tales for wonders. We are living in the very midst of them, although familiarity may have dulled our senses to a realization of the fact.

What would Cæsar, or Frederick the Great the first Napoleon have said had they been informed that it was possible to send an important message to one of their generals, hundreds of miles away, in less than a hundred seconds, whether the intervening distance be land or

water? The other day in Georgia a tree was cut down in the morning, which by night had been converted into a printed newspaper. In commenting on the achievement a contemporary suggested that had such a feat been performed in the middle ages it would very likely have been looked upon as the result of sorcery.

VOX POPULI.

THERE is no diminution in the number of letters that come to us daily testifying in the most outspoken and sincere fashion to the high esteem in which the ARGOSY is held by its readers. We herewith print selections from the

current week's mail: TAUNTON, MASS., Feb. 18, 1888.
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rords cannot express how I like it.
F. R. Briggs.

F. R. Briggs.

Christiansburg, Va., Feb. 22, 1888, would not give your paper for any other in thited States. I have shown it to several of mends, and they one and all pronounce it to le of the best boys' papers they ever saw.

H. L. Robinson.

H. I., ROBINSON,
The ARKON' IS GROWING A. I., Feb. 19, 1883,
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I consider the ARCOSY the Set I paper on record, and I don't see how I could get along without it. Its stories are both instructive and interesting, and I would advise any one who wants a nice story paper to subscribe for the ARCOSY.

RICHARD ANDERSON.

HON. PHILETUS SAWYER.

United States Senator from Wisconsin.

One of the best known and most popular statesmen in the Northwest is Philetus Sawyer, the senior Senator from Wisconsin. He is one of the men whose energies have helped to make that prosperous section of the Union what it is. and who have grown wealthy together with the country they have enriched. It is not his wealth however, that gains for Senator Sawyer respect and regard wherever he is known; it is his good qualities of head and heart, his sterling integrity, his practical wisdom, his shrewdness and humor. Though neither an accomplished scholar por a brilliant orator, yet his fellow senators recognize him as one of the most businesslike and sagacious members now serving in the national legislative council.

He was born at Whiting, Vermont, on the 22d of September, 1816. His par ents moved to New York dur ing his infancy. and there his boyhood and early manhood were passed. Success did not come to him easily and rapidly: it was won by long and arduous labor. He received a common school education, and from his fifteenth to his thirtieth year his life was spent in the hardest kind of work. His motto was industry and frugality, and in 1847 he had man-

aged to save

somewhat more than two thousand dollars.

With this amount he determined to emigrate

to the new Northwest. Getting his capital to-

gether in gold, he sewed the bulk of it into a

belt which he fastened around his waist, reserv-

ing a hundred dollars to pay the expenses of the

journey. But on counting his money over again,

he found that he had made a mistake, and had

only ninety nine dollars in hand. His brother

was at that time much richer than himself, and

from him Philetus borrowed a dollar to make

He made his way to the lumber region of

Wisconsin, which only became a State in the

following year. His capital was invested in es

tablishing a saw mill, and in the purchase of

timber land. His natural shrewdness and fore-

sight now came into full play, and all his enter-

prises were successful. His mill was profitable,

his lumber tracts grew in value. He worked as

hard as ever, and every penny that he saved

His integrity was as marked as his industry,

Occasionally other lumber men would ask him

to join them in some extensive project; but if

he suspected that anything verging upon unfair

dealing was contemplated he invariably de-

Mr. Sawyer took a warm interest in politics

and was among the earliest members of the Re-

publican party. In 1857 he was elected to the

Wisconsin Legislature, and served another term

in 1861. In 1863 his fellow citizens of Oshkosh

chose him as their mayor, an office which he

During the second year of his mayoralty he

was a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Baltimore which renominated Abra-

ham Lincoln. On returning to Wisconsin, he was

nominated for a seat in Congress. At first he

declined the proffered honor, and only accepted

But when once a candidate, he used every ef-

fort to win, and was successful. He was four

times reelected, and served continuously from

For many years after he went to Congress he

would, while at home, work with his own hands

the Thirty Ninth to the Forty Third Congress.

when pressed by the leaders of his party,

held for two years in succession.

went to add to his acreage.

clined.

up the sum which he thought he would need.



HON, PHILETUS SAWYER, From a photograph by C. M. Bull, Washington, D. C.

in his saw mill: indeed this is said to have been the favorite amusement of his vacations. The story is told of a rich Chicago merchant who went to Oshkosh to interview Mr. Sawyer, whom he did not know by sight. He was directed to the saw pit, where he found a short, stout man, in his shirt sleeves and wearing blue overalls, hard at work filing a saw,

"I'm looking for Mr. Sawyer," said the vis-

"That's my name," replied he in the pit, stopping to wipe the perspiration from his face. "I mean Mr. Philetus Sawver," the merchant

"That's my name," repeated the short, stout man; "what can I do for you?"

"Well," said the other, somewhat taken

aback, "I didn't expect to find you in the saw pit. "No?" said Sawyer, and

added, "why not?"-a query which was entirely unanswerable.

Here is another characteristic anecdote, which is related by the senstor himself . "I met my brother in New York a few years ago," ne says. prospered as I had and was then looking around somewhat anxiously for \$1200 in or der to meet an impending oblieation. Hespoke of it to me, and I gave him the \$1200. We had both forgotten about the dollar

he had loaned me so many years before. But afterward I remembered it, reckoned up my fortune, found that every one of my original dollars had brought me in about \$1800 more, and sent him a check for \$600 with a letter telling him to add it to the \$1200 as the gains of that borrowed dollar." Here is another instance of his generosity:

He has long served on the Senate committee of pensions, and in connection with this duty he has maintained at his own expense a staff of clerks to investigate the cases of poor claimants, and to facilitate the settlement of those found to be deserving.

Mr. Sawyer has now been a Senator for ove seven years. He first took his seat in 1881, and when his term expired, in March, 1887, he was reelected for six years more.

R. H. TITHERINGTON,

NATURE'S TEACHINGS.

BY WILLIAM WORDSWORTH. One impulse from a vernal wood May teach you more of man, Of moral evil and of good, Than all the sages can.

A men sur the sages can.

Sweet is the lore which Nature brings;

Our meddling intellect

Missbapes the beauteous forms of things;

We murder to dissect.

GOLDEN THOUGHTS.

The world knows nothing of its greatest men. Sir Henry Taylor.

A CRAVING for sympathy is the common boundary line between joy and sorrow,—Phelp.

line between foy and sorrow—Photp.

Emons such as are but accomes nour younger
brows grow colar in our select beads, and become
Street only an energy the country who are capa-ble of thinking when they are there; then they are
prepared for blittle, and in that case solitude is
presented for them.—Proper of this spiritual infernaties must be sequestered from the throne of the
world; that soul can never enjoy God that is not
sometimes retrieva—Bhotp field.

metumes retired.—Bising Itali.

Reposs and cheerfulness are the badge of the entleman—repose in energy. The Greek battle deces are calm; the heroes, in whatever violenticions engaged, retain a screne aspect.—Emerson. actions engaged, retain a screne aspect.—Emersen You may depend upon it, religion is, in its es sence, the most gentlemanly thing in the world. It will alone gentlike, if unmixed with cant; and it know of nothing else that will, alone. Certainly, not the army, which is thought to be the grant embellisher of manners.—Coheridge.



BOB DILLON AND HIS COMRADES WERE SWEPT TO THE GROUND BY THE LIVING TORRENT OF KANGAROOS,

A Tuneful Epic of the Kangaroo

BY BERNARD REDLANDS. A-TA-TA-A-A! Ra-ta-ta-a!" and the tone exploded into an insane squeal.

Bob Dillon looked up from his

labor.

In the distance came a pony, scampering at the top of his speed. Astride of him was a boy, brandishing a half tamed cornet.

"Ra-la-la-a-a-!" and the too eager instrument burst its voice again.

"What's up. I wonder," murmured Bob.

"What's up. I wonder," his containing tool in hand, from his work. His containing tool in hand, from his to the add of the cabin where he lived, under a genial Australian sky.

pation was skinning a rabbut in the sanate as the cabin where he lived, under a genial Australian sky.

Rabbits are so abundant in parts of Australia that boys always have a plausible excuse for staying at bome from school. Except for staying at bome from school. Except for the rabbits would devour the entire Island.

Meanwhile the eager pony had galloped up, and the untutored cornet was hitched to the belt of the vallin; rider.

and the unturored cornet was hitched to the betti of the yelling rider.

One of the yelling rider, and yelling rider, and the yelling rider, and the yelling rider, and they want all the horses, and fifty men, and they want all the horses, and wereybody's going, you know. Hurry up! Oh jolly!" and up went the cornet, while a wild have yelling rider of the yelling rider.

One of the yelling rider will be yelling rider.

"rat-a-ta" rattled out again, and died in a squeak of agon, what the dogs do you mean? What does that sait water gang want of horses, and who's going, and where, and what for ?" "Kangaroos, Bob! There's three hundred, mont, a going, Sudri funt I They'e a getting. Sudri funt I They'e a getting to start the strain of the start of the strain of the start of

radiout preparatory to the steepen. "Left in "I thought so," cried Dick; "but I can't stop; have got to rusb over to Harris's and Thome's and Kenvorthy's and call em all out. I'll see you at the meet—Foster's coner, researed with the steeper with a parting blast of his instance horn. Bob carried in his rabbit and told his mother of the projected bunt. She was willing, of course Iso Do was welchome to ge, for the land-control of the steeper with a proper will be supported by the steeper will be supported by the steeper will be supported by the support of the steeper parties with he had developed so successfully. It was a few miss out from It had for several to the support of the steeper party which he had developed so successfully. It was a few miss out from It had for several to the support of the steeper party which he had developed so successfully. It was a few miss out from It had for the support of the s

from Banty roodstand, where the war steamer. Theft had dropped anchor. The fifteen and part of the crow had come ashore for a frolic, and all the hunters of the neighborhood had seared the opportunity for a great language of the control of the co

was enough to exhaust all the orthodox mounts. Add to these a crowd of naval weeks and fifty rollicking tars, and the resources of the country for the country of the count

ent. Their roars of laughter, with the whinnying of Their roars of laughter, with the whimnying of the ponies and the moans and bellows of the be-labored cattle, swelled into a chorus of the most cheerful and animated description. The hunters being all assembled, they began

The nunters being all assembled, they began to deploy in all directions, the scheme being to deploy in all directions, the scheme being to bracing a circuit of four or five miles. This was to inclose the festive kangaroos and drive them into a certain clump of forest, where hospitable preparations had been made for their reception, as will appear.

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Bod did not discover his friend Dick, and be missed several other familiar faces. Upon in-missed several other familiar faces. Upon in-others, and fait constrained to yield their ani-nals for the use of the visitors. They would probably make their way to the forest afoot, to the probably make their way to the forest afoot, to Hugh Molony, another of his friends, and the two role off together, and the two role of together. The probable of the probable of the probable of the pro-lambled off in pairs, and sepads, and singly, over the vast plains, growing dimmer and dim-lend. If they focus mere species on the bos-

After a half hour's gallop, "There they are!" cried Hugh to Bob.

Sure enough, a few of the objects of their search were before them. The kangaroos gave uneasy glances at the horsemen, then hopped away like gigantic fleas in another direction. Soon, however, they discovered the moving forms of other enemies. They halted, hestitated, and at last, wheeled and bounded off in the line of the forest.

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This was according to plan. Other leapers began to appear, and soon they were numerous, as the expanding cavalcade headed them in and drove them in the direction of the hospitable

forest,

It is time to explain now that a corral had
been hurriedly set up in the thicket. This was
the usual method, and the materials were always in readiness. Ropes and strips of cloth
were extended along from tree to tree, leaving
an open space about a mile in which at the outset, and gradually narrowing as the barriers.

At the other end where the corral came to its
smallest noint there was a low barriede of

smallest point there was a low barricade of logs concealed by brush. On the outside of this logs concealed by brush. On the outside of this was a great trench, twenty feet deep. The tactics of the hunt consisted in driving the kancies of the hunt consisted in driving the kancies of the driving the department of the driving t

The great plains were now fairly alies with victims, routed out of their peaceful hamst for miles around, and dashing in terrified hops, skips and jumps to escape the yelling huntamen. Janie Street, and the street, and the panie stricken hanguous weapen, and they turned back upon themselves in their frenzied endeavors to escape by the flanks. Surely and steadily they were swerved in toward the entrance of the fatal corral.

There must be five hundred of them at the "There must be five hundred of them at the least," cried Bob, as the throng of animals became narrowed in so that the eye began to cover the whole terrified herd. "What an awful haul we will get."
"Why, it's the biggest luck we ever had," responded Dick, with delight, spurring up his none."

pony.

If was an intense and indescribable tumult.

The air was full of all sorts of shouts, relis, reackings and slashings, bursts of laughter, crackings and slashings, bursts of laughter, their limping beasts without mercy, howling at their limping beasts without mercy, howling at the tops of their voices. Such a racket the poor kangaroos had never before heard. Head-long they skipped, with cries of fright, knock-

ing each other over, and tumbling frantically against trees and brush. They were all in the entrance of the corral now. The pursuers raised a cry of triumph. Crash, crash through the forest hustled the mass of hunters and hunted. "What on earth is that ?" shouted Bob suddenly, as a weird, mysterious sound made itself perceptible above the tumult.

denly, as a wern, my-accession of the transfer of the transfer of the transfer of the transfer of their man of the transfer of their transfer of their throughg companions. Some of the old hunters pulled up. There were angry shakings of heads, and wondering inquiries might have been head by any ear not deafened by the tramping and crash of other sounds.

sounds,
Again that wild and ghostly echo! The kangaroos huddle together in the extremity of terror. They cast timid glances backward at the
line of pursuers. Then their ears turn quick
again to the front, whence comes that unknown

again to the from, whence comes that unknown and unnerring to the from the

at last in the swent or its severest anguism. They hesitated no longer.

Bloodthirsty man they knew; these giant fleas of the sheep ranges had felt his cibu had his rifle bullet. That was death. But this weird, sepulchral, fendish clatter in the unseen foreground was something to which death was but

ground was someting to writer death was but as soothing syrup.

Of two terrors the frightened beasts chose the least, Turning tall upon Dick's hideous brass band, they swooped down in an indescribable bustle and scurry upon the serried line of hustreen. huntsmen,

of huntsmen.

It was so sudden that not a morsel of time
Was given to open ranks, or dodge the storm.

As to cudgels, they were as blades of grass
against the halistorm of hopping quadrupeds.

"Look out, Hugh," shouted Bob, as he noticed a group of leapers making for his com-

rade.

Scarcely were the words uttered when a sprawling, furry bomb bounded upon the neck of Bob's pony, curved headlong against the rider's chest and swept him from the saddle.

"Great guns!" howled Bob, clinging des-

penately to the rem. Before he could stramble to his feet, anothes living misale knocked the pony from his legs, and the pair rolled in 1860 bastled up in time to each his terrified boxes, and the healt High tredfley readwing out of a picture-spun heap of raggest men and snorthest the general septer of having passed through a rag hopper of having passed through a rag hopper, which was not a variety of the property of the passed of the property of the passed of

Many animals had freed themselves a was suffocating with heat and dust, and deafening with screech and crash. In the momening with screech and crash. In the momen-tary lulls of the living hurricane the clamorous tary fulls of the living hurricane the clamorous echoes of the cornet ra-ta-a-ed through the for-est with a demoniac screech of triumph just as if Dick Haley had the entire five hundred kan-garoos hitched to his waistband.

About the time the animal cyclone blew out,

About the time the animal cyclone blew out, and the forlorn huntsmen were dolefully rubbing their shins and tacking their disrupted clothing together—while a dim cloud of dust in the distance marked where the kangaroos had gone into eclipse—the maddening bray of the band suddenly died away as by magic.

gone into ecupse—the maddening oray of the band suddenly died away as by magic. Some of the infuriated huntsmen had strug-gled through the barrier and around the ditch. Dick's orchestra found itself abruptly collared by two score of furious claws, while a tattoo of fisticulfs rattled on its astonished ears, and en-ergetic boots played the bass drum on its col-

ergetic nooss played the base amount of the lecture rear.

The misguided band meant well. It thought a serenade at the moment of triumph would add to the splendors of the day. But now, perceiving that its good intentions had been misinterpreted, it dropped its instruments and and and account of the specific properties of the specific propertie

ru. It would have been an even race between the

It would have been an even race between the kangaroos and Dick Haley's minstrels. In the ditch reposed the bodies of some half a dozen young and unsophisticated kangaroos. The other fourteen hundred and ninety four,

The other fourteen hundred and ninety four, oh, where were they?

"Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast." Far bet from me to gainays it. Yet as Hugh Molony remarked to Bob Dillon, while they were hobbling home from the chase: "Folks as is cracked over tootin'engines don't seem somehow to have no sense for kangaross.

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What became of Dick's aggregation of ter-rors is not recorded, but—after all hands got cool and had time to realize the fun of the thing—it was universally conceded that such a kangaroo event was never known before in the hunting annals of Australia.

COLUMN DEPORTSTREE

In olden times the favorite method for students with little means to work their way through college was by securing the post of teacher in a district Nowadays there is a wider choice of expedients.

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QUEER BRAIN PRODUCTS.

The New York Sun, in an article on curiosities of the patent office, describes some quaint devices that have proved more peculiar to sightseers than

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ROME CARES.

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Nobody knows of the daily cares, Of the daily troubles which some one bears; Nobody knows—but mother.

The constant worries of every day, That furrow the cheek and make the hair gray; Nobody knows—but mother. ***

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> CHAPTER XIX. A POSSIBILE ALLY.

A POSSIBLE ALLY.

Whisipham, and poured our aimsted speciations which concerning. Mr. Walsingham, and poured out aimsted speciations which could. Suddenly Warren received a sharp nudge in the rists from Stepher's show, and following disgusted one; he saw that Petipas had come aft, and was edging close to them with the brazen coolness of one who cares nothing for the action of the property of the

erably scared.
"You say the way is lost?" asked he, in his poor English.

poor English.

Warren nodded.

"And you would hail a strange ship to ask for it?"

Warren notded again. Petispas stared hard at him, with his weiged brows drawn together at him, with his weiged brows drawn together.

"Monister Marvin," data was a man and a ma

Petipas fell back, but still kept jealously within earshot, so that the boys could say nothing more of a confidential nature. As soon as Warren had finished breakfast Sloper went be-

with the dishes, having informed Warren the spy's benefit that he had laid out the poor ain in his berth, and that he looked very noble and peaceful.

noble and peaceful. Pelipas went staggering back over the wet detects to his conference, who had watched the boys curiously. The work at the pumes, was support while hery clustered other with their forefurers in their pains, and cath arging his opinion with much gesticals—and the with their forefurers in their pains, and count the companionway to Warren's dismay, down the companionway to Warren's dismay, captain's supposed dead body. He went and stood by the slypith; and watched them go which Sloper unlocked for them with a graw and reventual air, but to Warren's intense re-from the tent's, which, lockily, looked as like from on the berth, which, lockily, looked as like for Sloper to relock the door, and for a wonder did not demand the key, but turned of to Da-did not demand the key, but turned of to Da-did not demand the key, but turned of to Da-did not demand the key, but turned of to Da-did not demand the key, but turned of to Da-After he had gone Petipas went staggering

for Sloper to relock: the door, and for a wonder do not demand the key, but turned off to Da"IT Dupont can talk to them they will make up heir plans now," thought Varen." How I am their plans now, "thought Varen." How I are the plans that the plans the plans have merclassly waked the slumbering man, to wom sleep at such a crisis was been plans to the plans that the plans the plans that the plans the plans

Warren.

"Half to him who can no more help on the project!" muttered Petipas. "Parhleu! Monsieur talks big. He may never need the gold of this world more."

"True, true," chimed in the other scoundrel,
"and if he should die, poor Monsieur Dupont,
his half should fall to us two, who are the acting

"Yery reasonable, but take care that our comrades do not overhear us," returned Petipas, bestowing upon his ally a sly wink.

"Capital!" chuckled Warren, "If the thieses fall out, honest men may get their own."

tail out, honest men may get their own.

His complacency, however, received a sudden
check when he saw the two men join the others
and produce from their pockets something
which glimmered blue like steel, which the
whole crew clustered about them to examine.

"Those must be the containing readviser." "Those must be the captain's revolvers," thought Warren. "Petipas has taken them arought warren. "Petipas has taken them from Dupont's cabin, where we might have found them, and now they will be hidden in the forecastle, where we shall never have any excest to go. If I had only known in time that Dupont had them! How shall I get hold of them now?"

them now?"

Revolving this question in his mind, he kept
a close watch upon the gang, who were holding
a general parliament, which, from the frequent
glances cast his way, and the shrugs indulged
in, seemed to have special reference to himself.

That looks as if they had something uncon

I flat looks as it they had something uncom-fortable in view for me, and were saying. Bad for him, poor wretch, but we must think of our-selves.' But what's Petipas about?"

The latter had grown heated in his argument, and was now on his knees on the deck, tracing out some imaginary object with his thumb on the wet boards, while all the others stooped over o look.

"Is at the ship's course he's trying to guess at?" must the box quastin, who, colliged to appear quite unsuspicious, was straining his eyes at the collection of the collectio

and, keeping his own place at the top, where he could detect the approach of any spy, began his examination.
"Do you understand French at all?" he

asked.

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"And dat Peleys man, he come in an seen

"An' dat Petipas man, he come in an' seen me listenin, an' I krows he'll have my list' whimpered the lad.
"They will very lilely murder us all three and steal the ship," said Warren; "but we mean to make a good fight for our lives. Will you stand by us, or will you go over to their side?" An' dat Petipas man, he come in an' seen listenin', an' I knows he'll have my life!"

Julius stared helplessly at him, and seemed

and the star of belylenly at him, and seemed make to enter into the spirit of resistance.

"Look here, Julius," went on Warren, and the star of the star of the spirit of resistance and the star of t of exactly what we tell you, I think we can out-wit them yet; while, if you turn to them, hop-ing for mercy from a gang of murderers and robbers, who know that you can hang them if they show you pity, you'll make a great mistake. There, go think it over; and hide your scared face from them, or they'll know you've found them out? them out.

Julius sneaked back to his pantry just in time to escape the suspicious eyes of Petipas, who came aft to see whether Warren was talking to anybody, or only sheltering himself from the

CHAPTER XX THE CONFERENCE.

THE CONFERNCE.

WARDS evening the wind moderated, the sea went down, and Warren was able to leave the deck for a few hourir rest, of the sea went down, and Warren was able to leave the deck for a few hourir rest, of the sea was supported to the sea was supported to the contracting for course as nearly as the young coppers were appointed to take charge in his absence, one as about, and the other at the gone to their bunks for their well earned sleep. Had the Water Sprite been an ordinary trade-sprite was supposed to the sea was supposed to the proposed to the was supposed to the sea was suppo

pumped dry. There was, consequently, no danger to be feared from the captain's absence where the control of the captain's absence When Sloper had brought Ware, ha dimen, he had reported that Mr. Wakingham was stronger, and was sleeping heithfully? Dupout stronger, and was sleeping heithfully? Dupout ey-sight was leaving him, while his ill set arm agiving him great storture. Julius still kept himself in his pantry, evidently balancing in himself in his pantry, evidently balancing in boys side, or to site the teachery of the others, and go over to them as the stronger party. Now subn't Yaren went down to the allound.

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came forth.
"Monsieur Marvin, we would arrange mat-ters with you now; shall I call my shipmates down here, where the mate can chip in with his word when he likes?" said Petipas, in his mon-

word when he likes?" said Petipas, in his mos-grel English, which we will spare our readers. Lite whited for no reply, but went on deets, the whited for no reply, but went on deets, the capabin's slower of the Water Sprite, with the exception of the Perouse brothers, filed into the capabin's slower. Petipas, Fortalen, Maner, round one end of the table, while Warren, sup-ported by Sloper, cambrig face them from the other. Dupont's cabin door was hooked back, but the petipas of the petipas of the petipas of the bear the proceedings, and take part in them if

other. Disportis cabin door was hooked back, so that be, lying bandaged in his berth, might hear the proceedings, and take part in them if a Mr. Washingham's door was locked, and the key remained in the lock. Sloper had out ventued to secure it, and no one else had done so, rather to the boy's surprise, considering that the truth of the secure is the surprise of the surprise considering that the truth of the surprise is the surprise of the surprise considering that the constantly east upon the key, and the jealous ones they bestowed upon each other; it was easy to guess that, in the general distrust, no man one such possible of important is quijent to list of the surprise of th

own possession so important a talisman.

"Now, my lads, what do you want with me?"
began Warren, in clear, confident tones, as he
looked round with manly directness at the circle of low and suspicious countenances.

of low and suspicious countenances. "Who is your spokesman spirage in my place, I being first officer here, but invalided," called Dupont's quivering, but imperious voice. "Verf good, Monsteur Dupont, I accept the lonor," returned Petipas, with a wink towards Fontaine, to make this deristion of the favor. Fontaine, to make this deristion of the favor. see I don't speak Forned's Peaked the loy cape 1 don't speak Forned's Peaked the loy cape.

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Universal assent was signified. In half a dozen different distortions of the Queen's English, the gentlemen from Grand Mer described themselves as well accomplished in the language, having "the habitude" of it all their lives.
"All right then; go on, Petipas," said War-

"All right then; go on, Petipas," said War-ren.
"I obey. Monsieur Marvin, our captain being dead, and our mate disabled, we ask you to take command of the Water Sprite, and to nav-igate her to the port we shall name. Do you agree?"

agree?"
"I shall take command, if the port you name
is Colonsay, North Carolina, Mr. Walsingham's
home," answered Warren, with a careless air.
"But, Monsieur, the port is not Colonsay.
We have decided otherwise," replied Petipas,

we have decided otherwise," replied retipas, fixing a brassy stare upon the boy.

"Oh, but that would be asking me to run away with Mr. Walsingham's yacht, don't you see, Petipas? No, no, you couldn't expect me to do that without any reason being given,"

arousieur Dupont, is, that we being the strongest party, intend to please ourselves where we shall go, and also to give the grand bounce to such interlopers as resist our will."

"Mr. Dupont, do you sanction this high handed act?"

"It is strong."

handed act?"

"It is simply a change of destination. They will not carry off the ship in their pockets," sneered the mate, and he smarled at Petipas to go on and have done and begone, before they set his brain on fire.

"Monsieur Marvin, will you do as we say, or

will you take the consequences of rousing our anger?" continued Petipas, threateningly, "Where do you want to go?" demanded

"Where do you want to go?" demander Warren.
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" Put off your answer till you have read the

"Put off your answer that you have revenue."

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"We want you to fetch us off the coast of the Bahamas, say about twenty or thirty miles. "We want you to fetch us off the coast of the Bahamas, say about twenty or thirty miles. "We want you for the same than the put of the

periore the United States law could be put in motion to catch them.

"But why do you say twenty or thirty miles off the coast?" asked he. "Why not name your port now?"

"Monsieur, we are not answering questions

"Monsieur, we are not answering questoday," retorted Petipas, fixing his evil upon Warren with a cruel twinkle in it. "V you have earned our confidence by obliging us, we will confide our harmless little plans to you with pleasure. Till then, really, monsieur, you should comprehend that we are the masters here, and hold you in our power, to slay or Spare as we choose."

here, and hold you in our power, to slay or spare as we choose, "In fact 1 and my friend Sloper are in the hands of a gang of villains!" exclaimed the hands of a gang of villains! "exclaimed the his anger and scorn of them; and seeing that he had roused their vengeful ire, he added fear-leady: "Make no mistake, men. I'm not over a me mine. I only on a nivigate this vessel. Without me you are aften. I only on a nivigate this vessel. Without me you are at the mercy of every change of weather, and of every ship you encounter. Long before Mr. Dupont can rise the sea, or overhauled by a passing vessel as a the sea, or overhauled by a passing vessel as a suspicious craft. Now then, defy me, and I shall defy you!"

CHAPTER XXI

ARREN'S bold speech caused a sensa-tion. Again the men muttaged ARKEN'S bold speech caused a sensa-tion. Again the men muttered to-gether, while Dupont writhed and growled in his berth at his own help-lessness. At length Petipas addressed Warren with a hypocritical air of conciliation and re-

with a hyportical air of conciliation and re-scale. We are willing to nawer all your onestions, monstear, "he said.

Warren saw that his independent stand had an extra the same and the same and the same serve a semblance of order and respect, since serve a semblance of order and respect, and sawer his questions, for, as a master of course, answer his questions, for, as a master of course, answer his questions, for, as a master of course, notify them when they were twenty miles off the Rishman. He received the false and paerlie "I will take an hout to consider whether I

answers he had expected.

"I will take an hour to consider whether I can do as you wish," he then announced. A clamor of oissent immediately arose. What did he think to achieve by delay? Did he hope. He saw that they would not wait; their gull made cowards of them, and they could not rest until they had his promise. And yet he would not promise until he had read 'Sloper's report. But how could be manage to do so under these.

But how could he manage to do so under these suspicious eyes table drawer and took out the captain's chart of the Water Sprite's course, and, watched by every man of them unwink-ingly, spread it out on the table and ran his fin-ger along the line pricked out by Mr. Walsing-ger along the line pricked out by Mr. Walsing-out Sloper's scrap with his handkerchief, con-cealed the paper in his hand, and pretended to rummage the drawer for, and finally discover it. He then spread it upon the chart and began to

rummage the drawer for, and finally discover it.
He then spread it upon the chart and began to
read the penciled writing, seeming to refer from
it to the chart every few moments.
And as he read, brave as he was, he felt a
strange inward trembling. Drop by drop the
blood receded from hip and cheek, till, white
and cold as Earble, he gazed upon the words

with a frozen stare.

"Julius heard this from the pantry," wrote
Sloper, "and told it to me. Fear has driven him

with a frozen stare.

"Julius heard his form the pastry" wrote S" Julius heard his from the Read and when him to our side. They have agreed together that after you have taken the yacht near esough the Bahamas for the beat to carry them to last after you have taken the yacht near esough the Bahamas for the beat cours them to all the start on the word on us two and Julius, then scattle the reseal, and leave it to go down with us and Mr. Walland and the start of the start

What's all this about?" demanded War-"What's all this about?" demanded War-ren, with flashing eyes; and be made a snatch at the revolver, barely missing it. He then dregged Manet by the collar from Sloper, and healthin half across the saloon.
"The writing—the writing; what is it you ponder over so long?" shrieked Petipas, as he danced with pain and shook his tingling fingers, "Can't you read, man?" said Warren, show-

ing the chart under his eyes. "There, look for

and the cant timer meyes. Some non-more and the precised the uncomprehending glance of one who takes no meaning from print, and when Petipas no meaning from print, and when Petipas the property of the prope

taline fetch one of the jamps.
In horrible anxiety Warren and Sloper waited, while Dupont was told all about the suspicious paper, then propped up in bed, the lamp brought per the proped up in bed, the lamp brought way, it made Petipas hold it while be tried to open the inflamed lids with his fingers, mutterior sessently.

ing eagerly:
"But one glance—only one little half look, and I shall know what they are—allies or enemies to be crushed at all hazards!" No, he could not see, horror upon horrors, he

"Then we shall keep it till you can see," quoth the too zealous Petipas, and put it into

his pocket.

The boys, not daring to exchange looks, swallowed their dismay without a sign.

"Oh, all right," cried Warren, indignantly, "if you are too suspicious to let me even read Captain Walsingham's computations of the yach't daily rate of speed, it's very evident that you could never trust me to sail her for you.

you could never trust me to sail her for you. Very well, sail her yourselves; it's no concern of mine," and he made as if he would have gone into his cabin in a huff. Once more a hurried consultation was held, but in whispers. Dupont lent his experience to it, and at last Petipas pulled the paper from his procket, and with a sardonic grin passed it back

pocket, and with a saturant girm present a con-order of the work of the computations; for we refuse to wait, said he. Warren's relief was great, but he hid it under an appearance of indifference, and tossed the paper upon the chart, to which he returned,

saying:

"Look here now, all of you. This is where
we are, here or hereabouts. This short line is
the course to Colonsay, and this long one is the
course to the Bahamas. Say definitely which
we have the result of the Bahamas was the course to Colonsay, and this long one is the course to the Bhannas. Say definitely which consider the Bhannas Can Germiely which was continued the boy; "and though I protest against the outrage of seizing a dead man's vessel and carrying about its corpe for weeks, inc. as you say, you are the stronger, I must submit, and hope to make the cruise as short as possible. I will be your captain and sail for the Bhannas—on conditions." Bureat with a submit of the Bhannas—on conditions. Bureat with a submit of the sub

Ha! Conditions!" echoed Dupont with a

"Hal Conditions!" echoed Dupont with a harsh laugh.
"Which must be fulfilled or I won't act," declared the boy captain with all a hoy's blunt-ness. "My first condition is this, As I know what grief it would gree Miss Walsingham if her father's body was not brought home to her, I say that his stateroom must be sealed up and the key left with me." An universal" "No, 60," burst forth. Petipas.

A universal "No, no," burst forth. Petipas even made a rush as if to secure the key, which intent, however, was ferrely resented by the Dupont's quentions voice, rose above the din, "Agree-agree. Certainly, why not? Was it not easy to break open the dead mau's cabin when they were ready to carry away the gold?" This was said in Freich of course. "So "Captain Marvin" was presented with "So". "Up need to open the course of the course of the "Was rest condition is that you all behave as

the key, and asked for his next condition.

"My next condition is, that you all behave as quietly and orderly as if I was your real equation and orderly as if I was your real equation of the control order you for the control order you for loss control order you fooler sense, or you once loss control order your sober senses, or you once loss control order your sober senses, or and though any the hip and with it your own lives. Sobriety and obedience—do you agree to that?"

Some demur being begun by some who had looked forward to a regular carouse on Mr. Wallooked forward to a regular carouse on Mr. W singham's liquor, Dupont screamed out French:

French:
"Would you deliver yourselves bound into
the power of this smart one, who would assuredly run you into port and hand you over to the
police, the first time he caught you drunk?
Agree, by all means."
So the resolution passed, and Warren con-

So the resolution passed, and Warren concluded the interview by saying:
"Wery well, I on my part agric to act as year
"Wery well, I on my part agric to act as year
say, but you must not leave me too far from
port for Mr. Sloper and myself to work her in
where we can get a fresh crew for the trip back
to Colonsay. You see it is my duty to bring Mr.
and I meant to do so. Now, Petipas, I appoint
you mate in Mr. Dupont's place. Come and
have a look at the chart."

you mate in Mr. Dupont's place. Conie and have a look at the chart."

In order to reassure the naturally suspicious reacts, he took pains to make Petlyas undershowed him how the ship's course would have to be changed to run due south, and then dismissed them.

(To be continued.)



CORRESPONDENCE We are alwaysglad to oblige our readers to the extent four abilities, but in justice to all only such questions as we of general interest can receive attention. We are on the anumber of queries which will be any order in their rung as soon as searce permits.

sweren in their turn as soon as space permits.
C. T. A., Bayfield, Wis, "Always in Luck" began in No. 215.

Herograde, Avoca, Ia. See answer to first query of Bibel in No. 293.
A. O., San Francisco, Cal. Horatio Alger, Jr., writes under his own name.

E. A. Z. Y. As already announced, "The Young terobat" is No. 8 of Munsey's Popular Series. G. Whizz, Smith Station, Ala. It would be im-

O. L. S., Sioux Falls, Dak. The stamps bearing the word "Segnatasse" are Italian unpaid letter

ROBONERES, Fitchburgh, Mass., and Chip, Phila-elphia, Pa. "The Electrical Machine" appeared 1 No. 227. O. B., Boston, Mass. The longest word in Web-ter's and Worcester's dictionaries is "disproper-

tionalbleness."

C. O. D., Waterbarry, Conn. We hope to publicate the control of the control of "Pirake bland" before very long.

H, B. H., Kensignen, O. If you wish to enter the United States a way Academy, you mass write the United States a way Academy, you mass write Parcus Strono, New York City, Mr. Kellong's publishlers, Lee & Shepard of Bisson, can doubt-a way of the control of the contr

J. H. A., Buffalo, N. Y. Yes, there is such a book as "Money Maker" by Oliver Optic. We can send it to you on receipt of the price, \$1,50.

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S. D. C., Saratoga, N. Y. N. A sketch of Bishop Henry C. Potter was published in No. 808.

2. We send an unbound volume of the Arcosw post paid.

J. L. C., Schenectady, N. Y. For information concerning the Amateur Associated Press, address the secretary, T. L. Chrystle, 276 West 46th St., New York.

J. D., Buffalo, N. Y., "Eric Dane" will probly appear in Mussey's Popular Series later c. Yes, George H. Coomer is a frequent contributor to the Ascosy. HARRY ALLEN, St. Paul, Minn. The standing army of Great Britain numbers 137,600; that of Russia, 263,000; Austria, 311,000; France, 776,000; United States, 26,436.

S. T., New York City. You can probably eure a "Munson's Phonography" by inquiri book stores. We believe that Benn Pittman's tem is one of the best.

tem is one of the best.

S. H., La Porte, Ind. Yes, we offer four numbers of Mussav's Popular Series to any reader who will get us a new yearly subscriber and send us in \$3 for his subscription. E. M. W., Philadelphia, Pa. We believe the then a fire alarm is touched off in one of the sig al boxes on the telegraph poles, the message goe of the nearest engine house.

to the nearest engine house.

Jon AND GO, Philadelphia, Pa. You may look
for an article on comping out on our fourth page
early this spring. Last year's volume, No. 242,
W. R. A., Toronto, Can. 1. We can send you
any number of the Begs? Brod's you may desire on
teceipt of six cents. 2. A knowledge of the art of
engraving is not particularly useful to a printer. engraving is not particularly useful to a printer.

Lightfoot, Negaunee, Mich. 1. It is announced that Barnum's circus will go to Europe this season.

2. We expect to publish another serial by Mr. Putnam before long.

3. The Akoon binder costs 60 cents, and 75 cents for postage.

ents, and 15 cents for postage.

J. H. Y., Devall's Bluff, Ark. 1. Youth does not lisquairly a writer, but very few boys of 17 possess the ability and experience necessary to prosess the ability and experience necessary to provide the control of the control of

MANY INQUIRERS. Those who have sent ques-ons to this department, to which answers have not een given within a reasonable period—a month or x weeks—are referred to the first paragraph of its standing notice at the head of this column for

he reason.

R. H. C., New York City. There is a very well unipped gymnasium attached to the Y. M. C. A. uniding, corner of 33d Street and Fourth Avenue. or the use of it, in addition to all other privileges the association, an annual charge of \$5 is made members.

to members.

F. K., New York City. The Western Union now owns 353,058 miles of telegraph line, against 144, 354 miles. The Postal and United Lines have 41,100 miles; the Government telegraphs, 3000, the Deseret, 1002; and the rest is divided among smaller companies.

companies.

J. C. (Kitrins Valley, Wash. 1. Advertisements of one or more cellable Agent's Directorises will be found in our advertising jo clumns. Schaing is a topic that authors seem to have neglected, and we know of no good manual on the subject. 3. We will send an index to Vol. V on receipt of a stamp for postage.

Meta, Chicago, Ill. Dieu defend le droit means

"God detends the right." Chevalice d industries means literally a "kinght of industry." that is, one who lives on this wite, of in plain language, a swin-will be considered to the consideration of the same well on the know of any derivation for the same Meta." Possibly it is connected with the Greek word meta, signifying prudence; but more probably it is purely a fancy name.

bly it is purely a fancy name.

CONSTRUM FRAMER, Brooklyn, N. V. An ink
which will fade entirely away after a time would
be an article with which some awkward tricks
could he played. The movilet Rether tells of a
in an ink of this sort, which was made of shreds
of black cloth cut very fine and mixed with water.

The ink, when thoroughly dry, did not adhere to
the saper, and there being no evidence of the
deed, the trickser retlased governer.

EXCHANGES.

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iculars to the adorress given of sure personal exchanges, which will be unbished in their turn as soon as space permits.

E. F. Burkhardt, Delaware, O. A photo outfit, for books. Send list.

Otto Bergmann, 203 East 7th St., New York City. U. S. and foreign postage stamps, for the same. R. C. Houston, 172 Main St., Bridgeport, Conn. A set of drawing instruments, for U. S. stamps. O. D. Coulter, Mayfield, Ky. A Sun typewriter, alued at \$8, for 3 books by Optic or Castlemon. Harry F. Pease, Schuylerville, N. Y. Two poks and a powder horn, for a Weeden steam en-

G. V. V. Pratt, 56 Broadway, Bath-on-Hudson, N. Y. Postmarks, for numbers of Mussey's Popu-LAR Series.

Oliver Brastow, 162 Summer St., Somerville, dass., would like to correspond with boys interested ass., would electricity.

P. B. Prentiss, Ossawatomie, Kan. A Hill's Manual, valued at \$5, for a magic lantern outfit of equal value. J. G. Russell, Jr., Lexington, Mo. A pair of 9 inch ice skates, in good order, with key, for 3 cloth bound books.

John Sutton, 186 15th St., Buffalo, N. Y. Five sicture cards and five postmarks, for every curi-sity sent him.

Herman W. Sulzer, 601 North 7th St., Philadel-hia, Pa. A printing press over 110 years old, for lectrical goods. C. E. Frazer, 363 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N. J. ive hundred stamps in an International album,

Five hundren out, for books, or a press.

Chandler C. Prettyman, 14 South 3d St., Quincy, Ill. A pair of No. 12 tee skates, for a volume of The Golder Arcosv.

Frank Benjamin, 142 West 7th St., Cincinnati, O. Five lumored tin tags, for 3 numbers of Mcs. Sex's Poyellan Szeles.

EV'S POPULAR SERIES.

F. W.Purmont, Box 658. Concord, N. H. A colection of 350 tin tags, a puzzle, and a game, for a siniature steam engine.

 Harry Chichester, Port Lavaca, Tex. A tel-graph key, sounder, etc., and 3 books, for a 4 by press and 2 fonts of type. press and a fonts of type.

"Oscar Solie, so8 Spring Ave., North, Sioux Falls,
Dak. "Guy Harris," by Castlemon, for No. 5 of
MUNSEY'S POPULAN SERHIS, or stamps.

W. Crubtree, Box 38. Whitinsville, Mass. A
magic lantern with 19 slides, for a font of plain
type or the first a nos. of Munsey's Populan Serhies.

George H. Will, 11 North Mount St., Baltimore Id. Fifteen tin tags, for every large copper cen-ter 1830, and 25 for each before 1830, with plair

William Lennox, 345 West 50th St., New York City. Over 500 stamps, for a pair of Winslow's nickel plated Vineyard roller skates in good condi-Charles H. Thompson, New London, Conn. Fifty different tin tags or stamps, for every mineral or Indian relic. Minerals, for minerals or Indian

relics.

Coral Veine, 511 Hampshire St., Quiney, III. A book of instructions for making marionettes, for any of Mexass's Poventan Steans, or a set of circle.

H. D. Reyersdorfer, Box 327, Ripley, O. A magic lantern and eys dides, for a base ball mask. Fifty different tin tags, and 30 foreign stamps, for a pair of catcher's gloves.

Fred M. Almy, 1840 Franklin St., Philadelphia Pa. A brass magic lantern, with 14 slides and outfit, and 4 books, cost in all \$7.85, for a polyop-ticon and outfit worth \$6.

George Moore, 30 Broad St., New York City. and inking press, chase 4 12 by 7 1-2, with 12 fout of type and outfit, for Lytton's works complete, o typewriter in good order.

a typewriter in good order.

J. Reshower, care Gottlieb and Klipper, oo Chambers St., New York City. A number of articles, all valued at \$100, for an Expert Columbia or a Rudge roadster, 50 or 52 in., in good order. Send for list.

for list.

A. E. Bartlett, care Miller, Hall, & Hartwell. 557
River St., Troy, N. Y. A telephone and 5 books,
for a pair of skates to fit a No. 7 1-2 shoe. A number of articles, valued at \$23.75, for a cornet or
photo outfit. Send for list.

Doubs Horeth, 272 Marion St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
"Going South," by Optic. "The Street Boy Out
West," by Alger, and 130 stamps in an album, for
4 books of MUNSEY' POPULAR SERIES. Also a violin, for a pair of nickel plated No. 11 or 11 1-2 clamp

ssates.

W. D. Knowles, Derby Line, Vt. A pair of Eagle all clamp skates, a bull's eye lantern, a concertina, a new leather bleyele bag, and a miniature steam engine, all valued at 84, for a photo outfit and directions, or a press and outfit, chase not less than 3 r b by.

CASTLE IN THE AIR.

BY MARY KENDALL.

THE MASSIONS they receted
Brected were of brick,
And were with tiles protected;
The air with dust was thick,
As 'twould the builders smother—
They built on unaware,
I dreamed of something other,
A castle in the air!

A caste in the sir:
They guarded from disaster
Their roofs with wooden beams
They fixed their walls with plaster
I fixed my walls with dreams.
A dome of high expansion,
Alight with jewels rare—
That was a real mansion—
My castle in the air.

[This story commenced in No. 267.]

Under Rire;

FRED WORTHINGTON'S CAMPAIGN.

By FRANK A. MUNSEY, Author of "Aftoat in a Great City," " The Boy Broker," etc., etc.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

MATTHEW'S DOWNFALL ARLY the following morning Mr. Rexford dupon his lawyer, Mr. Ham. In due time the papers were made out and placed in the hands of Sheriff Coombs, who promptly made his way to the factory with all his official bearing and arrested Jacob Simmons on the charge of robbing and burning

all his official bearing and arrested Jacob Slimons on the charge of robbing and burning John Restorch store.

John Restorch store, respect of the most of the charge of robbing and burning John Restorch store, and the property of the prop

the other, that he had recently made little effort to solve the mystery.

That it should now be cleared up so satisfactorily, with all blame removed from Fred, was gratifying to him in the extreme, for he was a true and sincere friend of our young hero.

The strength of the strength of

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was beset on all sides with danger of exposure and punishment.

Fred—his rival—had stood up manfully un-der fire without fiinching. He had won at every point and was now fast regaining his old position.

old position.

"His friendship, too, with Nellie Dutton is re-established, and I can do no more to prevent it," sighed Matthew, regretfully. "I met her this morning and she would not speak to me, but she could entertain Worthington all last evening."

this morning and she would not speak to me, cerebing, "
"While thus meditating, the report that Jacob mere and the she may be a speak to me, which was to be a simple of the she mere and to be suffered by the she me and to his room, and there threw himself upon his bed and wept bitterly." Baspoint-bone and to his room, and there threw himself the she was to be a suffered by the she will be she will b

"Oh, if I could only undo the past !" he cried, truly repentant. But, alas! he had gone

His pride and haughty spirit were completely crushed, and when he finally arose from his bed he was humbled indeed.

The following morning all Mapleton was excited by the report that Batthew be Vere could not be found. He had not been seen by any one since the previous afternoon. Just where he was last ing from the pine grow with Tim Short about dust; other stried to convince themselves and their friends that he was seen in this place or the pine of the p

CHAPTER XXXV.

HEN HE ROOF hard that Matthew De Vere was missing, he immediately had appear made out for the arrest of health of the health of the was missing, he immediately had appear made out for the arrest of health of the IN THE COURT ROOM,

words were:
"And Matthew has run away—run away and left me when he was the cause of it all," and the great tears rolled down his cheeks, while he

sobbed bitterly.

Even the sheriff's heart was touched, and his official bearing relaxed as the boy's mother, almost prostrated with grief, implored him to let

most prostrated with griefs, implored him to be seen go.

The seen go.

that is, to tell of his own free will all the facts connected with the affair—the court would probably deal more leniently with him."
"Do you think so?" eagerly asked the

"I am quite sure it would, for another party already under arrest for being concerned with

robbery."

Tim brightened up at this remark, and

"The brightened up at this remark, and showed some hope,
"I will tell the court all I know—everything from first to last," and he, Im save be blame up to the court of the cou

tried.

The case excited so much interest that the room was filled to overflowing. Among those present was Matthew's father, who wished to know the facts about his son's connection with present was natthew's father, who whiled to know the facts abour his son's connection with and Fred Worthington. Yes, another was present—flitte Carl, pale and thin from his present—flitte Carl, pale and thin from his pected to be Fred's great triumph. When the court was ready for the trial, Mr. Ham on the part of the prosecution, called When the court was ready for the trial, Mr. Ham on the part of the prosecution, called "Do you know anything about John Res-perted to the properties of the properties of the "I do" replied the latter. "I do" replied the latter. "I'ld you have any connection with it?" "Yes, ay," answered Tim.

"Yes, sir," answered Tim.
"What did you do?"
"I helped rob the store, and then we set fire

" Who was with you?"
" Matthew De Vere was with me."

"Who else?"

"No one."
"Did Jacob Simmons have anything to do

"No one."
"Did Jacob Simmons have anything to do with the robbery F".
"What do you mean by not exactly?"
"I mean be wan't there and didn't do it, but robber have been a support of the property of the proper

"He said he wanted to get square with him."
"Is that all?" That and to teach him not to interfere with

him."
"How had Fred interfered with him?"
"I don't know that, but I am sure Matthew
did everything he could to injure him."
"Did he do more than attempt to waylay

"Yes; he played friendship with Fred and got the bartender to drug him, and that was what made him drunk that time when every-body talked about him." Now every one looked at Fred, but they were congratulatory glances, with a bit of hero wor-ship about them.

Mr. Farrington and Dr. Dutton, who sat near Fred, leaned over and congratulated him with a

Fred, leaned over and congratulated him with a warm grap of the hand, end over our young friend was now weep a way—every myster year at last explained, and he stood trumphant over at last explained, and he stood trumphant over a last explained, and he stood trumphant over the stood of the s

moat would have them arrested if they falled to produce the money. He further said that Matthew and he were driven almost carry by these repeated demands driven almost carry by these repeated demands without realising what they were coing. They burned the store, he said, to cover up their their. All the money found he claimed articles that would not excite supplies. A mong the latter was the knife Fred discovered in Jacob's possession, and which led to the discov-ery of the guilty parties. eye of the guilty parties.

"Did you turn over to Jacob Simmons all the goods you took from the store?" asked the judge, goods you took from the store?" asked the judge, us, so we gave him only a few things besides the money," answered Tim.

"What did you do with the other things?"
"We hid them up in the pine grove, for we didn't dare to do anything with them."
"Ye, sit," "Ye, sit," "Ye, sit,"

"Yes, sir.

"Yes all out of year."
"Yes all out of year."
"Yes all you did not make up the full three hundred dollars for Jacob Simmons?"
"No, but Matthew promised to pay him the "No, but Matthew promised to pay him the most pay to the pay th

was all the white similar at the far modelbook of Matthew's that is a sea and that against Im. Short through the courts, it would take Im. Short through the courts, it would take and as it would be entirely out of the design of this narrative, I will simply state the fan lessit. In view of the fact that Tim. Short confessed in the fact that Tim. Short confessed in the fact that the fa

pline.

Jacob Simmons was found guilty of black-mail, and was sentenced to serve one year at hard labor in the State prison and to pay a fine of three hundred dollars.

But where was Matthew De Vere all this time? (To be concluded.)

Ash your newsdealer for THE GOLDEN AR-

ANOTHER CALL ON INVENTORS.

ONCE more the Argosy voices the need of a new invention. This time it is a device other than oars for propelling a lifeboat through the surf. The Sun says that the offer last year of gold and silver medals as prizes for the best plans for a boat of net with no sort of success, no design worthy of even special mention having been re-

worthy of even special mention having been re-cently-colling owner of the ordinary pithosa is gone when it is most needed. It ought not to be there allfueld not an expensive thing to provide the property of the colling of the long, you've, and yo et one. It is about at feet one, you've, and yo et one. It is about at feet of real to be colling or the colling of the colling of divided into compartments, which are usually light substance, so that if a compartment be broken open it will not fill with water. When the colling of the colling of the colling of the work of these manded of the colling of the colling of the work of the colling of the colling of the colling of the work of the colling of the colling of the colling of the work of the colling of the colling of the colling of the sadditional weight for the boat, but something ought to be made in these day of temperal weight do upday to be made to the colling of the the colling of the the colling of the colling of t

THE DIFFICULTIES OF SHORTHAND.

In order to anticipate inquiries on the subject from our readers who may be thinking of turning their attention to stenography, we quote the fol-lowing bits of information from the Mail and Ex-

lowing bits of information from the Hall and Es"Hall wo long does it take to learn shorthand?"
inquired the reporter of a court stemographer.
"Hall depend upon yourself and what degree
"Hole of the property of the state of t

THE BIRTH OF THE TYPEWRITER.

As young people are always curious to find out about the beginnings of things, we reprint below, from the Commercial Advertiser, some facts con cerning the origin of the type writer:

central guide origin of the type writer a central guide origin of the type writer a sign. It looked like a primitive device, but still the stage, It looked like a primitive device, but still the swa good. This the patent office apparently for the stage of the stage

A FEATHERED GOLD MINK

ows have been known to make their nests out of bank bills, but it bas been left to the despised sparrow to line its abode with gold. Says the Smiles Cross :

Swint Crea:
The girls in the Philadelphia Mint, last spring, made a favorite of a sparrow that was permitted to pick up theff hunch crumbs. A little boy stole its nest one day, and upon drawing his hand from examination of the box slowed; it to be not only flecked with gold dust, but that it was carpeted with sparrifing, soft, yellow gold. The sparrow had been regularly carrying away gold dust in its feathers, which is shook out who making its folicit.

ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL.

A CITIZEN of Municb, Bavaria, who was short of funds, had recourse to the following original tunds, had recourse to the following original scheme for raising the wind. He ordered a confectioner to make a pie for his wife's birthday, containing, as surprise, a lining of new twenty pfennig pieces. The man was relieved, but the confectioner is still waiting for his money.

I AM RICH.

RICH am I II, when I pass
Mid the daisies on the grass,
Every daisy in my sight
Seems a jewel of delight!
Rich am I if I can see
Treasure in the flower and tree,
And can hear 'mid forest leave,
Music in the summer eves; And can hear 'mid forest leaves Music in the summer eves; And I feel in every mood That life is fair and God is good!

[This story commenced in No. 270.]

Mr. Halgrove's Ward;

LIVING IT DOWN.

By TALBOT BAINES REED, Author of "Reginald Cruden," etc., etc.

CHAPTER XXVI.

A MEMORABLE NIGHT. "HEFF," said Percy, after a minute or two,
"it's nonsense your staying here to get
frozen; do go on."
"No, old fellow; I prefer your com-

pany to my own."
"But, Jeff, we may not last out till the

We won't give it up yet,

though."

Jeffreys had great faith in hope, especaloric of hope, espe-y for a boy of Percy's perament. For himself temperament. For himself he saw enough to guess that their position was a desper-ate one. The ledge on which they sat was narrow and slanting, and the wind, and shanting, and the wind, shifting gradually to the west, began to get round them menacingly, and cause them the shanting to the shanting at the stones while so me specially furious gust blew past. Added to that, Percy's, arm was probably broken, arm was probably broken, arm was probably broken, bandage and sling, adjusted at imminent peril of being swept away in the opera-lon, increasingly painful. The windrughed them lives as it fell.

it feil.
"How long will Jutake getting down?" a

the boy.
"Not long," said Jeffreys,
with a shudder, not wholly
caused by the cold.
"An hour? He could

"An hour! He could bring them up in three hours, couldn't he?"
"Less, perhaps. We can hold out for three hours."
"Jeff, old fellow, do go; what is the use of you stay-

what is the work for the wind to lift two of us than one. It can't last long, I'm certain; it's chopping al-

ready."

They relapsed into silence and listened to the storm as it dashed on the cliffs above

A quarter of an hour passed. Then Jeffreys felt the boy's head drop on his

shoulder. Percy, old man, no ping," said he, raising sleeping,

his head.
"I'm not sleeping; only
wondering where Julius is."
But his voice was drowsy,
and the words drawled out slowly and dreamily. and the words drawled out slowly and draemily,
"Perhaps he's down the lower rigarag now,"
said Jeffreys, giving his companion a shake under pretext of readjusting the wraps.
"I guess he'll go to Raby first," said Percy
"Won't alse be sardel? to your fasher, and
"She will, pdroball, bettered and some of the
men, and they'll—Percy; hold up your heal?"
"Scarfe would like to get engaged to Raby,
but she would sooner—"

but she would soonerbut she would sooner—"
"Percy, old man, you're talking rubbish.
Unless you sit up and keep awake we shall both
come to grief."
"I'll try," said the boy, "but I don't know

come to grid."

"Tell me something about your year at Rug"Tell me something about your year at Rug"Tell me something about your year at Rug"Tell me something about your year at Rugstand your at the something about your year at RugTell something about your year at RugTell something about your year at Rugstand year, and the something about you want you want
and Percy, with all the cunning of a "somonama", "taking into to think before each anin order to snatch a wink.

The daylight slowly faded out of the mist,
The daylight slowly faded out of the mist,
their narrow perch at every gust. Jeffreys,
this dismay, found his limbs growing cramped
and stift, boding lii, unless relief soon came, for
the posthilay of novening at all.

Surely, though, the wind was abating. The dash overhead sounded a trifle less deafening; and the driving sleet, which an hour ago has truck on their faces, now froze their ears. Yes, the wind was shifting and falling. In the half minute which it took Jeffreys to make this discovery, Percy had once more fallen

make this discovery, Percy had once more failen saleep, and it required a shake more prolonged than ever to arouse had been considered this "What!" said he, as he slowly raised his head, "are they here? Is father there?" "No, old boy, but the wind is going down, and we may be able to move soon. Where did and we may be able to move soon. Where did you field in that cricket match you were telling

me of?"

"Short leg, and I made two catches."

"Bravo! Were they hard ones? Tell me."
So for another half hour this struggle with
sleep went on. Jeffreys had more to do than
keep his companion awake. He accompanied
every question with a change of position of his
knees and arms, that he might be able when the
time came to use his limbs. It was little enough
legter, hat he loss mo chance, and his self im-

scope he had for any movement on that narrow ledge, but he lost no chance, and his self im-posed fidgets helped not only himself but Percy. At last the roar on the cliffs changed into a surly soughing, and the gusts edged slowly but surely round behind the great buttress of the

mountain.
"Percy," said Jeffreys, "we must try a move.
Can you hold on steady while I try to get up?"

full white moon, flooding the mountain and the hills beyond with its pure light. They well-counted the light, for it showed them the way; counter the light, for it showed them the way; over for a pot of hot coffee.

At the top they must the tail and of the gale spending, its little remaining force on the spending its little remaining force on the compared with the templet of a few boars 1600.

The descent down the broad grass track with its sight covering of snow, towards Sharpen-holms, and little difficulty; but the joint and little difficulty; but the joint all the extention had not clone, seep either what his exerction had not clone, seep either with all the exercision had not clone.

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Joffreys noticed the boy's steps become more unsteady, and felt him lean with increasing heaviness on his arm.

"Percy, old boy, you are done up."

"No-I-suppose we rest a minute or two; I shall be all right."

But while he could be at the state of the suppose.

I shall be all right."

But while he spoke he staggered faintly, and would have fallen but for Jeffreys's arm in his. "I think if you went on," said he, "I could rest a bit and follow slowly."

Jeffreys's answer was curt and decisive. He took the boy up in his arms as if he had een a baby, and, despite all protestation, car-

been a baby, and, deepsto and ried him.
On level ground and under ordinary circ stances it would have been a simple mai stances it would have been as the beauty and powerful; and For Jeffreys was brawny and powerful; and the light weight of the slender, wiry boy was noth-

air would have carried sound twice the distance. Yes, it was a cart or a carriage, and he could even detect the clatter of the horses on the hard

n. ossibly some benighted teamster, or a mail cart.

He raised a shout which scared the sleeping rabbits in their holes and made the hill across

rabbits in their holes and made the full across the valley value with echoes. He set Perry down tenderly on the grass with his coat beneath him. Then, running with all his speed, he halved the clistance which separated him and the halved the clistance which separated him and the "This time the clister of the hoofs stopped abruptly and the lights stood still." with echoes. Then, joyful sound there rose from the valley an answering call, and he knew all as age.

all was aside.

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started forward, the amswering should arer and nearer at every step.
"That's Appleby," said
Percy, as a particularly loud whoop fell on their

as hour passed hour, their absence caused. Scarfe, ar-riving at home about ten o'clock, found the whole family in a state of panic. Mr. Rimbolt had been out family in a state of painc. Mr. Rimbolt had been out on the lower slopes of the mountain, and reported that a storm raged there before which nothing could stand. The only hope was that they had been descending the back of the mountain, and taken refuge somewhere in the valley for the night. The the valley for the night. The carriage was ordered out, and Mr. Rimbolt and Scarfe started on what seemed a forlorn hope. For an hour or two they passed and re-passed the valley road, in-quiring at every cottage and farm without result. At last, just as they were resolving: to cive it up for

At last, just as they were resolving to give it up for the night, Appleby pulled up the horses suddenly and said he had heard a shout. Instantly they jumped out and shouted back; and now, following the direction of the voice, far up the great with the boy leaning on his arm, safe, but exhausted. Nother of them retained.

Neither of them retained

Neither of them retained a vivid recollection of that a vivid recollection of that variety and the variety of the variety of the variety calling on the way for the in the carriage. He also heard Searle say sonset hings to Mr. Since J. He also heard Searle say sonset hings to Mr. Since J. He also heard Searle say sonsiderateness and utrustworthmises of Jeffreys. But for the rest he reclined back in his seat, scarcely conscious of anything but the rest and the warmth.

CHAPTER XXVII.

SCARFE PROMISES TO REMEMBER,

T Wildtree, the now familiar scene of the whole household gathered panic struck on the threshold, drove Jeffreys precipitately to his room.

A few minutes after he had reached it Walker knocked at the door.

knocked at the door.

"I'm not going to wait to be told this time," said he. "A nice dance we've had. Here, drink this. It's Mrs. Spigot's mixing, and will do you more good than a young lady's cup of tea. "Come, down with it."

tea. Come, down with it."

Jeffreys had his doubts as to the comparison
instituted by Walker. He certainly had enjoyed Raby's cup of tea more than this hot potation. Still it revived and warmed him.
"There's a free and a hot bottle in your bedroom," said Walker. "So you lost your way,
did you, in the storm?" "I'll tell you all about it tomorrow," said
Fefreys. "What—what about Master Percy?

blanket!"
But no, the light—the lights, there were two
—were moving—moving rapidly and evenly.
Jeffreys stood still to listen. The wind had
long since dropped into rest, and the clear night Jeffreys. "' How is he?"

ing to him. But on that slippery mountain side, after the fatigue and peril of the afternoon, it was as much as he could do to stagger forward

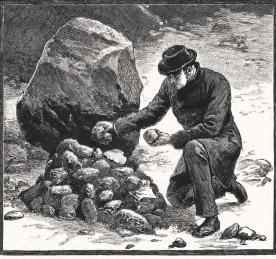
it was as much as he could do to stagger forward under the burder.

Yet—was it quite unnatural?—a strange sort of happiness seemed to take possession of him as he felt this helpless boy's form in his arms, the head drooped on his shoulder, and the poor bruised arm tenderly supported in his hand. There seemed hope in the burder, and in the brotherly service a promise of explation for asterior than the property of the property o

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other still inner sexters service water, most con-tent than the down that long gradual slope in a contented dream, halting often to rest, but a contented dream, halting often to rest, but a content of the still a conscious in his protestor's arms, often analysing himself at home in tea of to olling fell years and the still a conscious in his protestor's arms, often analysing himself at home in tea to olling fell years and the still a conscious in his protestory in the still a conscious fell when Jeffernys, looking beyond the slandows pro-posed to high the still a conscious and the



POOR HILIES'S MOUNTAIN GRAVE.

Percy was wide awake in an instant. "I can hold on, but my other arm is no good

for scrambling."
"I'll see to that; only hold on while I get

up." It was a long and painful operation; every joint and muscle seemed to be congealed. At length, however, by dint of a terrible effort, the managed to draw up his feet, and even to stand on the path. He kicked up the earth so as to make a firm foothold, and then addressed him-

make a firm footbold, and then addressed him-self to the still more difficult task of railing the stiff and crippled Ferry. how he half deagged, half carried him back along the ledge to the firmer ground of the upper sigzag path, he never knew. He always counted it as one of the miracles of his life, the work of that stronger than human arm which had laready helped him along his path, and which in this act showed To stand on that steep mountain path was

To stand on that steep mountain path was, after the peril of that fearful ledge, like standing on a broad paved road.

"Where next?" said Percy.

"Over the top and down by the Sharpenholme track. Do you see the moon is coming out through the mist?"

through the mist \(\textit{''} \)
"All serene!"
They were not much in the humor for admiring the wonderful beauty of the scene as the mist gradually cleared and above them rose the

"His arm's a bit broken, but I heard the doc-or say that wasn't much if he don't get fever-sh. I hope you won't get feverish either, Mr. Leffre

I'll try not. Thanks, Walker, and good

It was long before Jeffreys selfs that night. Left to himself, a dull sense of misery took post-taking shape and the more of the morning concernation which the presence of Scarte in the memories of Bolkover and his crime there-memories which the presence of Scarte in the decident of the presence of Scarte in the decident of the morning control of his one true friend—who had stuck to hi through good report and evil, and now in a instant had been snatched cruelly from his side

instant hab been snatched cruelly from his side. Jeffreys dropped asleep with the dog's how ringing weirdly in his ears. A decided the state of t ere strong under him, and his head was clear

of the strong motion and this braid was clear and cool.

He dressed himself quietly and descended to the kitchen, where he begged an early breakfast of the servants. Then he salled forth with his control of the servants. The salled forth with his manning tooked almost hypocritically serene and benignant. The suppliet bathed the stern cliff which yesterday had brifteed back the wind when the servants are supplied to the servants and the servants are supplied to the servants are supplied to

was the only sound to be heard on the steep mountain side. did not turn his steep supward. On the contrary, he kept to the lowest track in the valley, and took the path which led him nearest to the base of that terrible wall of rock. A hard scramble over the falten stones brought wall frowned down on him from a sheer height of five hundred feet, while half way down, like a marrow scratch along the face of the cliff, he could detect the ledge on which last night they had sat out the stor

There, among the stones, shattered and cold, lay all that remained of the brave Julius. His fate must have overtaken him before he had gone twenty yards on his desperate errand, and almost before that final howl reached his master's ear, all must have been over

It's cars an must have been over.

Jeffreys, as he tenderly lifted his lost friend in
arms, thought bitterly and reproachfully of his arms, thought bitterly and reproachfully of the dog's strange conduct yesterday—his evider depression and forebodings of evil—the resul depression and forebodings of evil-the result, no doubt, of illness, but making that last act of

no doubt, or illness, but making that last act of self devotion all the more heroic. He made a grave there at the base of that grand cliff, and piled up a little cairn to mark the last resting place of his friend. Then, truly a mourner, he returned slowly to Wild-

At the door he encountered Mrs. Rimbolt, who glares at him and swept past. "How is Percy tais morning?" he in-

quired. quired.
"No thanks to you, Mr. Jeffreys," said the lady, with a double venom in her tones, "he is

His arm, is it—

"His arm, is it—" "Go to your work, sir," said the lady; "I have no wish to speak to you." Jeffreys bowed and retreated. He had expected such a reception, and just now it neither disnayed nor concerned him. On the staircase he met Raby. She looked pale and anxious, but brightened up as she saw

him.
"Mr. Jeffreys," said she, "are you really up,

and none the worse?" are you really up, and none the worse?"
"I am well, thank you, "said lie, "but very anxious to bear about Percy."
"He has had a bad night with his arm, but the doctor says he is going on all right. What a terrible adventure you had! Percy told me a little of it. Oh, Mr. Jeffreys, it is all my

Jeffreys could not help smiling,
"By what stretch of ingenuity do you make
that out?"

inat out?"

"It was I suggested your coaxing Percy out, you know; 1 might have been the death of you both."

you know, I might have been the death of you both, "did not ent the wind, did you," or be mist? If you did, of comes you are quite emisted to all the credit. It please. Perry caucht and you have been a proper to the proper to

He looked first at Jeffreys, next at the girl. Then taking her arm, he said, "What is the matter? May I take you "What, but her her her? May I take you "Oh, no," she cried, pushing away his hand, and dashing the tears from her eyes. "Mr. Jeffreys, I am so sorry, do forgive me," and she rain up stairs to her own room. Jeffrey and Scarfe stood facing one man to the property of the

ter, wrathfully.

ter, wrathfully.
"It would not interest you. I was telling
Miss Atherton about my dog."
"Hang your dog! Did not I tell you that I
did not choose for you to obtrude yourself on

"You did, and I should be sorry to obtrude myself on any one, whether you choose it or

not."

"You appear to forget, Cad Jeffreys—"

"I forget nothing—not even that I am keeping you from your breakfast."

And he quitted the scene.

Later in the morning as he was working in
the library, Mr. Rimbolt entered and greeted
him cordials.

him cordially.

"Jeffreys, my dear fellow, you are constantly adding new claims on my gratitude. What can I say to you now to thank you for your heroism yesterday, about which Percy has just told no. 20"

us?"
"Pray say nothing, and discount Percy's story heavily, for he was the hero. With his broken arm and in all the danger he never lost heart for a moment."

heart for a moment."

"Yes, be is a brawe by too. But I came now totell you he is asking for you. Will you come and see him? He had been to be the leffersy followed the father gratefully to the leffersy followed. At the door he encountered Mrs. Rimbolt, who, having evidently been present at the boy's narrative, was pleased to regard him almost graciously, and, delightfully ignoring the previous encounter, to wish him good morning. ood morning.

Percy looked hot and feverish, but bright-

ened up at once as he caught sight of his pro-

"Hullo, old Jeff," said he, "isn't this all nonsense? They say I'm in for a mild congestion and shall have to stick he he do ra fortnight. Just sit down, do you mind, and say with me. You've pulled me through so far; you may as well finish the job."
Thus informally, and without consulting any-body, Jeffreys was constituted nurse in chief in the sick chamber. The boy would tolerate no

the sick chamber. The boy would tolerate no discussion or protest on the part of the authorities. He must have old Jeff. Bother a hospital nurse, bother the doctor, bother Scarfe, bother everybody. He wanted Jeff; and if Jeff couldn't come he didn't mean to take his medicine or do anything he ought to do. Walker couldn't come he dight mean to take his medi-cine or do anything he ought to do. Walker had better put up the chair bed in the dressing room for Jeff, and Jeff and he (Percy) could have their grub together. Of course all the others could come and see him, especially Raby —but he meant to have Jeff there for good, and that was flat.

at was flat.

Thus this selfish young invalid arranged for sown pleasure, and upset all the arrangehis own pleasure, ments of his friend

his own pleasure, and upset all the arrange-ments of his friency, occuped his new duty and considerable of the property of the property of facet the leafoury of Mrs. Rimbolt and Scarle and the leafoury of Mrs. Rimbolt and Scarle position for the found mother; and little won-millichingly. I was certainly an unfortunate position for the found mother; and little won-should be blotted out in the offence of being preferred before herself in the sick chamber. She readily lett an ear to the instinuations was in the hands of an adventure. So the fortuight passed. Percy turned the sort of the present of the present of the sort of the present of the present of the sort is an individual of the present of the Searle and her son drew near. Petry on the evening before they went had been less bright than usual, and their alarmed had just dropped off to sleep and seemed about settle quilety for the night when the door opened and Scarfe cause in the present of the search of the present of the search of the present of the search of the present of the present of the present search of the present of the present of the present search of the present of the present of the present search of the present of the present of the present search of the present of the present of the present search of the present of the

to sleep."

"Whom are you telling to hush, you canting brute?" said Scarfe, raising his voice in a passion unusual for him. "Let me come in, do you hear?" And he moved forward as if to force his way

And he moved forward as if to force me we, into the room.

Jeffreys caught him by the two elbows and lifted him bodily out into the landing, and then stood with his back to the door.

Scarfe, livide with rage, made no attempt to get back into the room. Turning on his adversary, he said between his teeth.

"1 shall remember this," and departed.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

SCARFE'S LETTER.

CARFE descended to the drawing room, where he found Mrs. Rimbolt alone, where he found Mrs. Rimbolt alone, and a so sorry out are going," said she fair as so sorry out are going," said she fair and she when we shall be in London, you know."

"Thank you; I shall be glad to come. I home to find Percy well again. I went to wish lime good by just more, but was pretty abruptly be for me."

Dear me, it is very annoving. I cannot un-

derstand the craze the boy has taken for this companion of his. I am so sorry you should have been amoyed."

If a more amoyed an order amove amoyed on Percy's account than my own. I happen to know something of Jeffreys before he came to Wildtree. To tell you the truth, Mrs. Rimbolt, I don't hink he is a safe companion for Percy I don't hink he is a safe companion for Percy at al

"I have long left the same, but what is to be done, Mr. Scarfe? Mr. Rimbolt has almost the done, Mr. Scarfe? Mr. Rimbolt has almost the same craue as Perey for this librarian of his, and not the same crause as Perey for the librarian of his, and the same crause as Perey for the librarian of his, and the same crause as proposed to the matter. He constructed to same non-librarian that the same crause as the same construction to the same construction to the same construction of the same constru

Scarfe, entered the room.
"What secrets are you two talking?" said

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"Your son was just telling me how foud he for Peny; and I am sure it will be a great for Peny; and I am sure it will be a great sied me to come to see us in town at Easter."

"It is a satisfacion that you can leave with the assurance has Peny is wirtually well again," if I have a satisfacion that you can leave with the assurance has Peny is wirtually well again," the assurance has Peny is wirtually well again, "the assurance has Peny is wirtually well again," the assurance has Peny in the work of the highest and manifest sort. Peny will be able to reckon the same and the peny influence is of the highest and manifest sort. Peny will be able to reckon this illness among the blessings of his life."

Scarfe and Mrs. Rimhot exchanged glance; and the conversation shorty afterward changed

Scarte and Mrs. Kimbort exchanged glances; and the conversation shortly afterward changed to the journey before the travelers. Scarte had gone down to the drawing room resolved, cost what it would, to settle scores with Jeffreys there and then by denouncing him to the family on whose favor he was dependent; and had Mr. Rimbolt's entrance been delayed a and had Mr. Kimboit's entrance been delayed a few minutes, Mrs. Rimboit would have known all about young Forrester. Once again, how-ever, he was stopped in time, and a few mo-ments' reflection convinced him it was as well.

ments reflection convinced mm it was as well.
Raby, he knew, whatever she might think of
Jeffreys, would never forgive the informant who
should be the means of turning him out of
Wildtree, till less would Percy. Nor was Mr.
Rimbolt likely to esteem his guest more highly
in the capacity of talebearer; and he decidedly

Rimon likely to esteem his guest more nighty in the capacity of talebearer; and he decidedly wished to "keep in" with all three.

Not having done what he intended to do, Scarfe felt decidedly virtuous, and considered himself entitled to any amount of credit for his

himself cuttines of act, and the forbearance.

It seemed a pity Raby should not know of this noble effort of self denial.

"Miss Atherton," said he, just as they were about to separate for the night, "I'm afraid you will have forgotten all about me when you can be next."

me next." You are very uncomplimentary, Mr. Scarfe I do not mean to be; and 1'm sure I sha I do not mean to be; and I'm sure I shall forget you." Thank you. This has been a very eventful

visit "It has; but I shall never regret that day on e ice, although I fear I made one enemy by hat I did."

You don't understand Mr. Jeffreys: he is

"You don't wery shy and proud."
"I understand him quite well, and wish for "I understand him quite well, and "I understand him quite Percy's sake every one here did, too. But I am not going to disobey you, and talk of people behind their backs, Miss Atherton. I am sure

behind their backs, Miss Atherton. I am stire our will approve of hat."

"Our will approve of hat."

"The I certainly had better not talk to you about Mr. Jeffreys," said Sarfe, with a sneer, which did him now damage in Kably eyes which did him now damage in Kably eyes you know you have never yet shown me the tegramy ou had bout your fathers last battle? It came the morning I was away, you know."

It came the morning I was away, you know see it, as you never asked me, "said Rably, producing the precious space from her dress, where hept it like a sort of talknams."

ask lept it like a sort of talknams. "aid Sarfe, respreachfully, who had quite forgotten to ask to see it.

He took the paper and glanced down it. "Hollo!" said he, starting as Jeffreys had done. "Captain Forrester! I wonder if that's poor young Forrester?" inquired

"Who is poor young Forrester?" inquired Rabyf. road the spare to the end, and then Seef up in well simulated confusion.
"Poor young Forrester?" Oh—well, I dan-say Jeffreys could tell you about him. The fact is, Miss Atherton, if I am not allowed to talk of people behind their backs it is impossible for ne to tell you the story of poor young Forres-

"Then," said Raby, flushing, as she folded up the paper, "I've no desire to hear it." Scarfe could see he hall zone too far. "I have oftended you." said he; "but really

"I have offended yor." said he; "but really lcame upon the name so unexpectedly that—"
"Do you expect to be working hard this term as the property of the prop

Scarfe's insinuations, was of a disgraceful kind. And the agitation which both Scarfe and Jeffreys had shown on reading the telegram seemed to connect this Captain Forrester, or rather his son, whom Scarfe spoke of as "poor young Forrester," with the same mystery. Raby was a young lady with the usual allow-Raby was a young lady with the usual allowed of feminine curiosity, which, though she had to be so that the same of th

ras charny mount in mystery.
She therefore opened a letter she had just inished to her father, to add the following finished to postscript;

Was this brave Captain Forrester who saved the guns a friend of yours? Tell me all about him. Had he a wife and children? Surely something will be done for them, poor things. Early next morning Mrs. Scarfe and her son ft Wildtree.

Jeffreys, from Percy's window, watched them drive away.

drive away.

"Very glad you must be to see the back of them," said Percy.

"I am glad," responded Jeffreys, honestly.

"I'm not so frightfully sorry," said Percy.
"Scarfe's a Jolly enough chap, but he's put too many dodges, don't you know? And he's dead on Raby, too. Quite as dead as you are,

"Percy, a fortight's congestion has not cared you of the had habit of talking non-cured you of the had habit of talking non-many of the had habit of talking non-many of the had habit of talking non-cured you are, aren't you? God and kind, and no ne could halp liking her. Everyhedy is dead on her,' as you call it; even Walker,' of dead on her,' as you call it; even Walker,' of the of the dangerous topic. He was allowed to sit up for the first time this day, and held a large was the second of the dangerous topic and the second of the dangerous topic and the second of the day of the first time this day, and held a large was the second of the day of the da

small fewer in his room.

Jeffreys took to opportunity to escape for a short time took the opportunity to escape for a short time took the opportunity to escape for a short time took the opportunity to end to the short time to the short time to the mountain. He knew Mrs. Rimber better without him, and he decidedly preferred his beloved books to her majestic socky.

Percy, however, was not satisfied with the arrangement.

rangement.
"Where's old Jeff?" said he, presently, when "Where's old Jeff?" said he, presently, when his mother, Raby, and he were left alone. "Raby, go and tell Jeff, there's a brick. You can bet he's in the library. Tell him if he means to cut me dead he might break it

gently Raby," said Mrs. Rimbolt, as her nico "Raby," said Mrs. Rimbott, as ner mece, with a smile, started on his majesty's errand, "I do not choose for you to go looking about for Mr. Jeffreys. There is a bell in the room, and Walker can do it if required. It is uncombaint a numer baits owner baits.

and waiker can do it it required. It is un-seemly in a young lady,"
"One would think old Jeff was a wild beast or a savage by the way you talk," said Perry, complainingly. "All I know is, if it hadrib-been for him you'd all have been in deep mourn-ing now instead of having tea up here with me"."

"It is quite possible, Percy," said his mother,

"It is quite possible, Percy," sant mis mounts, "for a person."
"Person !" interrupted the boy. "Jeffs not a person; he's a gentleman. As good as any of us, only he hasn't got so much money."
"I fear, Percy, your illness has not improved your good manners. I wish to say that Mr. Jeffreys may have done you service..."
"I should think lie has," interjected the irre-

pressible one.

"But it by no means follows that he is a proper companion for a good, innocent boy like

Percy laughed bilariously

"Really, ma, you are coming it strong. Do you see my blushes, Raby?"
"You must make up your mind to see a great deal less of Mr. Jeffreys for the future; he is

deal less of Mr. Jeffreys for the future; he is not the sort of person—"
"Look here, ma," said Percy, terrifying his parent by the energy with which he sprang to his feet. "I'm jolly ill, and you'd be awfully sorry if I had a fit of coughing and brought up blood, wouldn't you? Well, I shall if you call Jeff a person again. Where is Jeff, I say, I want Jeff. Wily don't you tell him, Raby? "I want Jeff." Wily don't you tell him, Raby? "I was allowed to have his one any rate, here."

was allowed to have his own way, and icons was allowed to have his own way, and jeopard-ized his moral welfare by unrestricted inter-course with the "person" Jeffreys. So the time passed happily enough for Jef-freys, until about three weeks after the Scarfes'

departure, when the following amiable letter reached him with the Oxford postmark on the

reached him with the Oxford postunation the envelopes:

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FIGHTING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

In the early history of firearms, contending armies must have suffered more inconvenience from the handling of their own weapons than damage from those discharged by the foc. In an article on the history of guns, the Evening Telegram describes some of the handicaps under which middle century warriors went forth to fight :

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